



## Statuta bonū pu- blicum concernen-

tia / edita in parlamento tento  
apud westm. xvi. die Januarij. Anno  
regni prepotentissimi et metnedissimi An-  
glie et francie regis / fidei defensoris / et  
domini Hibernie / Henrici octavi. xxi. post  
diversas prorogationes eiusdem parliamenti primo inchoati apud  
Londinum. iij. die Nouembris / Anno. xxi. eiusdem regis: et inde  
adiornati et prorogati vsq; ad westmonasterium / et ibidem  
continuati per. xliij. dies. Videlicet vsq; ad. xviij. diem  
Decembris: et ab eodem die et loco vsq; xxvi. diem  
Aprilis prox. sequentis: et eo die vsq; ad. xxij. diem  
Iunij / et ab illo die ad primum diem Octobris /  
et a primo die Octobris vsq; ad. xxij. diem eius-  
dem mensis / et ab illo die vsq; xvi. diem  
Januarij secundum leges terre rite pro-  
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**C**An acte concernynge mainテナunce of drapery  
and agaynſte regratynge of wolles.



Where at a parlyment holden at Westmyſter  
in the.iiij.yere of the reygne of the mooste victorꝝous  
prynce of famous memoꝝy kynge Henry the. vii. moſte  
dere father vnto the kynges hyghnes our ſoueraigne  
lorde/for the increaſe and mayntenaunce of drapery/and  
makynge of wollen clothes within this realme / it was  
eſtabliſhed and enacted/that no maner perſone/by him  
ſelfe oꝝ by any other/ſhulde bye oꝝ bargayne from the fiſt day of Marche/  
whiche was in the yere of our lorde god. M. CCCC. lxxxix. any wolles  
than vnſhoꝝne/of the growynge of Barkeſhire / Oxfoꝝdeſhire/ Gloceſtꝝre-  
ſhire/Herefoꝝdeſhire/ Shꝝpſhire / woꝝceſterſhire / Eſſex / wylleſhire / So-  
merſette ſhire/Doꝝſette ſhire/Hampſhire/Hartfoꝝdeſhire/Cambꝝrige ſhire/  
Noꝝfolke/Suffolke/Kent/Surrey/oꝝ Suſſex/oꝝ of any of them/befoꝝe the  
feaſte of thaſſumpcion of our lady than nexte enſuyng/oꝝ bye oꝝ bargayne  
any wolles/oꝝ take promyſe of bargayne of any wolles/that ſhulde growe  
in any of the ſayd ſhires in any yere oꝝ yeres to come/after the ſayd feaſte of  
Thaſſumpcyon of our lady/any tyme befoꝝe the ſame feaſte of Thaſſump-  
cyon of our lady that ſhulde be nexte after the ſherynge of the ſame wolle oꝝ  
wolles/but onely ſuche perſones as of the ſayd wolles ſhulde make oꝝ do to  
be made yerne oꝝ clothe within this realme/vpon payne of foꝝfaiture of the  
double value of all the ſayde wolles boughte oꝝ to be bargayned oꝝ taken  
by promyſe of bargayne contrary to the ſayd oꝝdenance: Noꝝ that any mar-  
chant ſtraüger by him ſelfe oꝝ by any other pſone in any yere than to come /  
ſhulde bye any wolles befoꝝe the feaſte of the Purificacyon of our lady next  
after the clippynge oꝝ ſherynge of the ſame/vpon lyke payne of foꝝfaiture:  
The one halfe of ſuche foꝝfaiture to be to the kinges vſe/and the other halfe  
to hym that wolde ſue the partie that ſhulde breke the ſayde oꝝdenance. And  
that any pſone that wolde ſue in that parte/ſhulde haue an accyon of Dette  
of the ſayd foꝝfaiture/and ſuche pꝝoces in the ſame accyon ſhulde be had as  
is in an accyon of Dette at the comen lawe/oꝝ after the cuſtome of the cite/  
boꝝoughe/oꝝ towne/where it ſhulde happen to be ſued/and that no eſſoin ne  
pꝝoteccion ſhulde be alowed foꝝ the defendant in that accyon / noꝝ that the  
defendant therein ſhulde be admitted to wage his lawe. And furthermoꝝe it  
was oꝝdeyned by the ſame acte/that no maner perſone beyng ſwoꝝne to be  
a wolle packer/in any wyſe after the ſaid fiꝝt day of Marche/ſhulde bye oꝝ  
bargayne any maner of wolle foꝝ any ſuche marchaüt ſtraüger within this  
realme/vpon payne of foꝝfaiture of the ſame wolle ſo bought/ bargayned/  
oꝝ gathered to the vſe of any ſuche marchaüt ſtraüger/as by the ſame acte  
is playnely declared. The whiche good ſtatute and acte was made onely to  
indure foꝝ the terme of. x. yeres than nexte enſuyng / whiche terme is now

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longe tyme past and expired. Sythen the expiracion wherof there hath ben and dayly be many broggers / regatours / & gatherours of wolles within the sayd shires / as well to the vse of straungers / as the kynges englyshe subiectes / whiche drape nat the same wolles within this realme / whiche broggers and gatherours p̄uent so the clothemakers in the prouision of the said wolles / & put yerely suche prises to the same / that the clothemakers / by whome many of the kynges subiectes of this realme haue be comunly set a worke / can nat drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at reasonable prises to drape suche multitude of wollen clothes / as they haue be accustomed in tymes past / by reason wherof many of the kynges subiectes / whiche lyued by drapery / for lacke of worke be brought to idelnes / and dayly incurre and fall to robbozies and other inconueniences. For reformatiō wherof it may please the kinges highnes / by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the cōmons in this p̄sent parliament assembled / and by auctozptie of the same / to establishe and enacte / that the sayde estatute made in the sayde. iiii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kyng / be reupued in euerye artycle therof / and from the fyrste day of Marche nexte commynge to stande in as good strength / qualitie / and effecte in euery article therein conteyned / as it was in any tyme within the sayde. x. yeres / exp̄essed in the same estatute / and so to endure for the terme of. x. yeres / from nowe nexte ensuyng / & from thende of those. x. yeres / vnto thende of the nexte parliament to be holden after the same yeres. And furthermoze it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozpte of this p̄sent parliament / that no maner persone in any wyse after the fyrst day of Marche nexte commynge / shall bye or bargayne any maner of wolle within this realme for any marchaunt straunger / nor take any promise of bargayne or sale of any wolle for any marchaunt straunger within this realme / vpon payne of forfaiture of the same wolle so bought / or wherof promise or bargayne or sale shalbe taken / or the value of the same wolles. This acte to endure from the sayd fyrste day of Marche next cōmyng vnto thende of. x. yeres nexte ensuyng / and further as is aboue wrytten. Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozpte of this parlyament / that all worstede makers / makers of sayes / stampys / hatters / & cappers of this realme shall haue from henseforth lyke lybertie and tyme of byenge and prouision of wolles for the onely vse and amplymentes of makynge of worstedes / sayes / stampys / hattes / and cappes within this realme / as is ordeyned by the sayde acte made in this p̄sent parlyament / and by the sayd acte made in the sayde fourthe yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the .viij. for clothyers and makers of yarne. And further be hit enacted by the auctoztie aforesayd that this acte and euery artycle and thing therein conteyned shall take effecte and be put in execucion / as well within the shires of Buk. Northampton / Lecester / Huntynghdon / warwyke / Lyncolne / Darbye / Rutelande / Notyngham / & yorke / as in any of the shires aboue reherfed for prouision or byenge of any wolles of the growe of any of the same shires / of Buck. North-

Northampton/Leicester/Huntingdon/Warwyke/Lyncolne/Darby/Rut-  
lande/Nottingham/ & poke/contrary to any article containned in this pre-  
sent acte/ and that all bargaynes/ couenauntes/ promyses/ contractes/ and  
prouisions for wolles heretofore made/ or at any tyme hereafter before the  
fyfthe day of Marche nexte commynge to be made/ by any persone or per-  
sones in any of the shires aboue reherfed for any yere or yeres to come shall  
be voyde and of none effecte/ excepte the byer/ prouider/ or suche persones/ to  
whome any suche former contracte / or promise is made/ do putte the same  
wolles by him recepued by reason of any suche former contracte/ couenaunt/  
or promise into parne or clothe within this realme.

**C**An acte concernynge the tryall of forzen plees  
pleded by felons.



Where amonge other thynges it was considered by the hole court  
of parliament of our most excellent soueraygne lord the king/  
holden in the. iiii. yere of his noble reygne/ that murderers and  
felons laulfully arreyned of their detestable offences/ bare them  
bolde vpon ymagynynge and pledynge of feyned and vnttrue  
fozein plees/ triable in fozein counties/ to the intent to be remoued from place  
to place by colozable and vnttrue suggestiōs/ and for to be vntruely acquite  
by fauour/ might/ or corruption/ so that they lyued in maner without feare  
or drede: for refozmacion wherof/ and for the comen welth of this realme/  
it was enacted by auctoritie of the sayde parliament/ that if any murderer  
or felon vpon his arreynment from then dyd alledge/ that he had taken any  
churche or churchparde for murder or felony or other place priuiledged for  
the same in a fozeyn countie / and agaynst his wyll was taken out thereof:  
That than the kynges attourney / or any other persone that wolde sue or  
alledge for the kyng that the sayde murderer or felon so arreyned / was  
taken at large in the same shire where he is so arreyned/ That than the same  
allegeaunce and issue shulde be tryed by the inquest that shulde trye the said  
murder or felony within the same shire/ and before the same Justices/ where  
the sayd murderer or felon is arreyned as though the sayd fozeine plee had  
nat ben pleded by the sayde felon/ And that if it were founde by the same in-  
quest/ that the sayde murderer or felon was taken within the same shire (as  
is aforesaid) that than he to haue none aduauntage or benefite of the matter  
alledged by hym for takynge out of the churche or churchparde/ or other  
place priuiledged in any suche fozein shire/ and that the sayde acte shulde en-  
dure to the next parlyament from then ensuyng/ As by the same acte made  
in the sayde. iiii. yere manifestly appereth. And for as moche as sythe the  
tyme of expiracion of the sayd acte made in the sayde. iiii. yere/ many ab-  
homynable murders as well of preestes as of other persones / robbozyes  
of churches and robbozyes of persones in their houses / as well by daye as  
by nyght/



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by nyght/ And other moost detestable murders and felonies haue ben com-  
mytted & done within this realme/ And the moo & moze often bycause y the  
said statute hath ben expired & ended from & syng the begynnyng of the pla-  
ment of our said soueraygne lord holden in the. vi. yere of his most noble  
reigne: It is ordeined and enacted by aucto.ite of this present parliament/  
that the sayd acte made in the sayde. iij. yere/ and euery thyng therein con-  
teyned/concernyng the sayde fozein plees and replicacions there vnto to be  
made/and tryals therof/shall nowe be reuiued/and shall stande in full force  
and effect/and shall continue and endure from hencefozth for euer/ as if the  
same acte had ben originally made perpetuall and nat determinable,

**E**n acte concernyng Plumstede merthes.



Where as the Merthes of Plumstede and leseues/  
with the outerauousenelle of the ryuer of Chamys/  
hath ben & yet be drowned by occasion of the breches in  
the merthe walles of Plumstede leseues and Erith/ And  
where the breche in Plumstede merthe aforesayde hath  
ben & is made/for makynge of whiche breche of Plum-  
stede & maintenace & defence of the merthe walles about  
the same breche/as well for makynge of a newe crosse wall to be made from  
the Chamys vnto the vplande / for innynge of the sayd merthe of Plum-  
stede/as also for the innynge of certayne nombze of acres/ in the leuell and  
merthes of leseues to be enclosed/ uned / and defended by the sayde crosse  
wall from the water of the Chamys / commynge in at Erith breche / and  
drownynge and ouerflowynge the said merthe and leuell/and for dryaynyng  
of the same / and for the maintenaunce of the olde merthe walles by the  
Chamys syde from the saide newe crosse walle / nygh vnto wolwyche/ dy-  
uers and sondry Cellis/scotes/ and Taxis haue bene made / celled / scoted/  
lette/ and tared by vertue of comission/and the day of paymentes therof in  
the perill the church of Plumstede/ accordeynge as heretofore for Celles of  
Plumstede merthe hath ben accustomed / hath bene declared and proclay-  
med: whiche cellis/scotes/and taxis/diuers possessioners/ owners / lande-  
lordes/tenauntes / and profet takers of the sayd landes within the sayde  
merthes and leuell/at the day mencioned and appointed by proclamacion/  
haue nat payed/noz yet do pay/cōtrary to the lawes of Plumstede merthe  
heretofore made/by whiche lawes for none payment of suche cellis/scotes/  
and taxes/they ought to pay them and their doubles: In defaute of whiche  
payment/the sayde bailly of the sayde merthe and leuell nowe beyng / and  
other by his assignement/to their great hynderance haue bene contrayned  
to paye diuers of the sayde scottes/celles / and taxes for the innynge of the  
sayde merthe/ mayntenance and defence of the same / Or els the same mer-  
thes and leuell had bene vterly loste without remedy. for the recovery of  
whiche

whiche cesses/scotes/and taxes so by the bailly and his assignes payde/and of other scotes and cesses nowe due/by the occasion of the sayd outrageous downynge of the sayd merchises/the sayde bailly and his assignes haue no remedy or meane to leuie the same: So that for none payment of the sayde cesses/scotes/and taxes/nat onely the sayd warke is lyke to peryshe / & nat lyke to be finisshed/ onles speddy remedy may be had for the leuenge therof: But also all suche sommes of money as befoze this tyme haue ben employed for the innynge/defence/and maintenaunce of the same are lyke to be losse/ to the vtter destruction of the sayde merchise and leuell / and to the extreme ruine and decaye of the countrey therevnto adioynynge / and to the great decaye of the ryuer of Chamys aforesayd/ & to the disherison/aswell of our soueraygne lord the kynge/as of other owners/possessioners/ & tenautes that haue / do / and wyl paye suche cesses / scotes/and taxes / as befoze this tyme or in tyme to come hath or shall be cessed/sette/ and taxed for the same. In consideration wherof / be it enacted by our soueraygne lord the kynge/ the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the comons in this present parliament assembled/and by thautoztye of the same/that the bayly of the sayd merchises and leuell nowe beinge or his assignes / shall and may by force of this acte make proclamation on any sonday hereafter ensuing/in the perishe churche of Plumsted aforesayd/as well of this acte/as also that all suche cesses/scotes/and taxes/at the tyme of the sayd proclamation made/beinge behynde and vnpayed/shall be payde at a certayne place in the sayde proclamation to be limited within. xx. dayes nexte ensuyng after the daye of the same proclamation. And he that so paieth/shalbe discharged of any doubles due here tofoze for none payment of the same. And if the sayd cesses / scotes/ and taxes / be nat payde by the ende of the sayde. xx. dayes after suche proclamation/to the sayde baillye/his executours/or assignes/ that than every persone or persones/whiche ought to pay the same cesses/scotes/and taxes/ shall forfayte the doubles of the same cesses/scotes/ & taxes: And that than if the sayde cesses/scotes/and taxes / and their doubles be nat payed by the feast of saynt Michaell Tharchaungell/nowe nexte comyng/vnto the sayd baylye/his executours/or assignes:than it shall be lefull to every owner / possessioner/landelorde/tenaunt/and profet taker of landes & tenementes/ and other profettes within the sayde merchises and leuell / or any other persone or persones/whiche hathe/dothe and wyl pay to the sayd baylye / his executours/or assignes/suche cesses/scotes/and taxes/or any of them so due and vnpayed by any other owner/possessioner/landelorde/tenaunt / profette taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuell/ to entre in to all the sayde landes and tenementes / and other profettes within the sayde merchises and leuell/so cessed/scotted/ & taxed: and the same from thenseforth to haue/holde/perceyue/and occupye to hym or them / his or their heyres / successours / or assignes for euer by vertue of this presente acte / without lette or interruption of any of the same owners/possessioners/ landlordes/ tenants/

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tenantes / takers of pofettes / termers / or any other perfone or perfones / whiche haue or fhall haue any eftate / title / intereft / vfe / or terme in any of thofe landes and tenementes / and other pofettes fo celled / fcotted / & taxed / by reafon of any intayle / gyfte / graunte / or other title what fo euer it be .

**C**Be it further enacted by thauctoptye aforefayd / that the fame lawe fhall be had and executed for any fcorde / taxe / or celfe hereafter to be had & made / before the feafte of Natypte of faynt Iohn Baptyfte nowe next comynge / by vertue of any comiffyon within any of the fayde merches and leuell / any acte or vfe to the contrary nat withftandynge .

**C**Provyded alway this acte nat withftandynge that fuche perfone or perfones theyr heyres and affynges / who fo euer fhall fo tynne in the doubles and losfe of his or theyr landes / may at any tyme within .iiij. yeres next folowynge the tyme lymytted for the losfe of the fayde lande / bynne in and pay the fayde celfes / taxes / and his or theyr doubles to hym or them that fhall haue y<sup>e</sup> said lande by the auctoptye of this acte / or to his heyres or affynges / and fo to enioye his or theyr landes agayne from the daye of the payment of his or their fayd money / for the said celfes / taxes / and doubles / or els they and euery of them / theyr heyres / and affynges to be from thenfforth excluded and barred from all title / ryght / vfe / poffeffion / accyon / and entre to be had of or to the fayd landes or any parcell therof for euer .

**C**Provyded alwaye and be it farther enacted by the auctoptye aforefayd / that if any man haupnge any landes in poffeffion or in vfe in the ryghte of his wyfe / tenaunt by the curtefye / tenaunt in dower / tenaunt for terme of lyfe / terme of yeres / tenaunt by elegit / tenaunt by ftatute / marchaunte / gardeyne in focage / gardeyne in chivalrye / or any other haupnge any particular intereft vnder eftate of inheritaunce in any landes / tenementes / or any other perely pofettes chargeable to the fayd celfes / fcotts / taxes / and doubles nowe rated / taxed / or fette / or hereafter to be rated / taxed / and fette / whiche haue before this tyme payde / or at any tyme hereafter fhall paye durynge his or theyr fayde intereft in or to the fame / any fomme or fommies of money for the defence / innynge / and mayntenaunce of the fayd merches & leuell / ouer & aboue all fuche fomme or fommies as he or they haue or fhall receyue and take of the fame landes or other perely pofettes / that frome thenfforthe it fhall be lauffull vnto euery fuche particular tenaunt / occupier / or other pofet taker / their executours or affynges / by force & vertue of this prefent acte / to holde / kepe / poffede / & retaine the fame landes or other perely pofettes to his or their owne vfe agaynft all and euery fuche pfone or perfones to whom the fame landes / tenementes / or other perely pofettes fhuld and ought to difcende / remayne or reuerte after all and euery fuche particular eftate expyed and determyned / vntyll he or they haue fully receyued / taken / and had of and vpon the fame all fuche fomes of money as they or any of them haue beftowed / imployed / expended / and payde in & for the defence / innynge and mayntenaunce of the fame .



**C**An acte concernynge exactions leuyed on pzentyses.



**A**t the prayer of the comons in this present pliament assembled/ resetyng that where it was establyshed and enacted in the. xix. yere of our late soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. vij. that no maister wardens and felowshippe of craftes or any of them/ nor any rulers of gyldeles or fraternities take upon them to make any actes or ordinaunces/ ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them here afore made or here after to be made in disinheritaunce or diminicyon of the prerogative of the kyng/ nor of other/ nor agaynst the comon profette of the people: but if the same actes or ordinaunces be examyned or approued by the Chauncelour/ Treasorer of Englande/ or chiefe Justyce of either benche/ or. iij. of them/ or befoze the Justices of Assise in their circute or pgressse in the shire / where suche actes or ordinaunces be made / apon payne of forfeiture of. xl. li. for every tyme that they do the contrary/ as moze plainly in the said acte dothe appere. Sythe whiche tyme dyuers wardens & felowshippes haue made actes & ordinaunces/ that every pzentise shall paye at his firste entre in their comon halle to the wardens of the same felowshipp/ some of them. xl. s. some. xxx. s. some. xx. s. some. xiii. s. iiii. d. some. vi. s. viii. d. some. iiii. s. iiii. d. after their owne senester myndes and pleasure/ contrary the meynynge of the acte aforesayd/ and to the great hurte of the kynges true subiectes/ puttyng their chylde to be pzentise. It is therfore now ordeyned / establyshed/ and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord/ by thadvice of the lordes spirituall and tempozall/ & of the comons in this present parliament assembled/ & by the auctozytie of the same/ that no mayster wardens or felowshippes of craftes/ or maisters/ or any of them/ nor any rulers of fraternities take from henceforth of any a pzentise/ or of any other pson or persones for the entre of any pzentise in to their sayd felowship/ aboue the some of. ii. s. vi. d. nor for his entre whā his yeres and terme is expired and ended aboue. iiii. s. iiii. d. apon payne of forfayture of. xl. li. for every tyme y they do to the contrary: the one halfe to the kyng our souerayne lord/ & other halfe to the partie y therfore shall sue by action of Dette/ informacion/ or otherwise: and that in the action aforesayd/ no protection or esoyne shall be allowed.

**C**An acte concernynge repayyng and amending of  
byddges in hygh wayes.



**B**e it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord/ and the lordes spirituall and tempozall/ and the comons in this present pliament assembled / and by auctozytie of the same / that the Justices of peace in every shire of this realme/ fraunchise/ citie/ or borough/ or. iij. of them at the leest/ wherof one to be of the Quorum/ shall haue power and auctozitie to enquire / here/ and determyne in the kynges generall

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generall cessyons of peace of all maner of anoyssances of byrddges broken in the hygh wayes/ to the damage of the kynges lyege people/ and to make suche proces and paynes vpon euery presentment afoze them for the refozmacyon of the same agayne suche as owen to be charged for the makynge or amendinge of suche byrddges/ as the kynges Justyces of his benche vye commonly to do/ or as it shall seme by their discrecion to be necessarye and conuenient for the spedy amendement of suche byrddges. And where in many partes of this realme it can nat be knownen & proued/ what hundrede/ riddynge/ wapentake/ cytie/ borough/ towne/ or parische/ nor what persone certeyne or body polityke ought of ryght to make suche byrddges decayed/ by reason wherof suche decayde byrddges for lacke of knowlege of suche as owen to make them / for the mooste parte lyeen longe without any amendement / to the great anoyssance of the kynges subiectes : For the remedye therof/ be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd/ that in euery suche case/ the said byrddges/ if they be without cytie or towne corporate/ shalbe made by the inhabitauntes of the shire or riddynge / within the whiche the sayde byrddge decayde shall happen to be : And if it be within any cytie/ or towne corporate/ than by the inhabitauntes of euery suche cytie / or towne corporate/ wherin suche byrddges shall happen to be. And if parte of any suche byrddges so decayde happen to be in one shire / riddynge / citie / or towne corporate/ and the other parte therof in another shire/ riddynge/ citie/ or towne corporate/ or if parte be within the lymittes of any cytie/ or towne corporate/ and parte without / or parte within one riddynge / and parte within an other/ that then in euery suche case the inhabitauntes of the shires/ riddynge/ citie/ or townes corporate shalbe charged and chargeable to amende/ make/ and repayre suche parte and porcion of suche byrddges so decayed / as shall lye and be within the lymittes of the shire / riddynge/ cytie/ or towne corporate/ wherin they be inhabited at the tyme of the same decayes. And be it farther enacted/ that in euery suche case/ where it can nat be knownen and proued what persones/ landes/ tenementes / and bodyes polityke owen to make and repaire suche byrddges/ that for spedy refozmacion and amending of suche byrddges/ the Justyces of peace within the shires or riddynge/ wherin suche decayde byrddges ben out of cities and townes corporate/ And if it be within cities or townes corporate/ then the Justices of peace within euery suche citie or towne corporate/ or.iii. of the said Justyces at the least/ wherof one to be of the Quorum/ shall haue power and auctorite within the lymittes of their seuerall commysions and auctorities to calle before them the Constables of euery towne and parische beyng within the shire/ riddynge / cytie/ or towne corporate/ as well within lybertye as without/ wherin suche byrddges or any percell therof shall happen to be / or els. ii. of the mooste honeste inhabitauntes within euery suche towne or parische in the sayde shire/ riddynge/ cytie/ or towne corporate by the discrecion of the sayde Justyces of peace/ or.iii. of them at the leaste/ wherof one to be of the Quorum.

Quorum. And at and vpon the apparaunces of suche Constables or inhabitauntes/the said Justices of peace/or.iii.of them/wherof one to be of the Quorum/with the assent of the said constables or inhabitauntes/shall haue power and auctoꝛtye to take and sette euery inhabitaunt in any suche cite/towne/or paryshe within the lymittes of their commissions and auctoꝛties/to suche reasonable ayde and somme of money/as they shall thynke by their discrecyons conuenient and sufficient for the repayyng/reedyfenge / and amendement of suche byddges/ & after suche taxation made/the sayd Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euery particuler pson/so by them taxed/to be wrytten in a rolle indented/ And shall also haue power and auctoꝛtye to make.iiij.collectours of euery hundrede for collection of all suche sommes of money by them set and taxed/which collectours receyving the one parte of the sayd rolle indented vnder the seales of the sayde Justices/shall haue power & auctoꝛtye to collecte and receyue all the particuler sommes of money therein conteyned/and to distrayne euery suche inhabitaunt as shall be taxed and refuse payment therof/in his landes/goodes/and cattels/and to sell suche distresse/and of the sale therof retayne & perceyue all the money taxed/ & the residue ( if the distresse be better ) to deliuer to the owner therof/ And that the same Justices or.iii.of them/ within the lymittes of their commissions and auctoꝛities/shall also haue power and auctoꝛtye to name and appoint.iiij.Surueyours/whiche shall se euery suche decayed byddge repayred and amended fro tyme to tyme/as often as nede shall require/ to whose handes the sayde collectours shall paye the sayde sommes of money taxed/ and by them receyued/and that the Collectours and Surueyours & euery of them/and their executours and administratours/and the executours and administratours of them and euery of them/from tyme to tyme shall make a true declaration & accompt to the Justices of peace of the shire/riddynge/cite/or towne corporate/wherin they shalbe appointed collectours or Surueyours/or to.iiij.of the same Justices/wherof one to be of the Quorum/ of the receytes/paymentes/and expences/of the sayd sommes of money : And if they or any of them refuse that to do/that than the same Justices of peace/or.iii.of them/from tyme to tyme by their discrecyons / shall haue power & auctoꝛite to make procelle ageyne the sayd collectours and surueyours and euery of them/their executours and administratours/and the executours & administratours of euery of them/by attachementes vnder their seales / retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere/than to compell them to accompte/as is aforesayde/or els if they or any of them refuse that to do/than to commytte suche of them as shal refuse/to warde/there to remaine without baylle or mainprise/tyll the said declaracion and accompt be truly made . And where any byddge or byddges lyen in one shire or riddynge/and suche persones/inhabytauntes/bodpes polityke/landes/or tenementes/whiche owen to be charged to the makynge & amendinge of suche byddges/lyen & abyden in a nother shire or riddynge/or where suche byddges ben



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ben within any cytie or towne corporate/ and the persones/ inhabytauntes/ bodyes polytike/landes/ or tenementes/ that owen to make or repayre any suche byddges/lyen and ben out of the sayd cities or townes corporate: Be it enacted/that in euery suche case the Justyces of peace of the shyre / cytie / or towne corporate/ within the whiche suche decayde byddges or any parte therof shall happen to be/ shall haue power to inquire/here/ and determyne all suche anoyssaunces beinge within the limittes of theyr commissions or auctorities: And if the anoyssaunce be presented / than to make procelle in to euery shyre within this realme agayne suche as owen to make or amende any suche byddges so presented befoze them to be decayde to the anoyssaunce and lette of the passage of the kynges subiectes / and to do farther in euery behalfe in euery suche case/ as they mought do by auctoritie of this acte/ in case that the persones/ or bodyes polytike/landes/ or tenementes/ whiche owen to be charged to the amendyng or makynge of suche byddges or any parte therof/ were in the same shyre/ tyddynge cytie / or towne corporate/ where suche anoyssaunce shall happen to be / and that all Sheryffes / and baylyffes of lyberties and fraunchises shall truly serue and execute suche processe/as shall come to their handes from the sayd iustyces of peace/afoze whom any presentment shall be had for any suche anoyssaunce / accorbynge to the tenour and effecte of the sayde processe to them directed / without fauour/ affection/ or corruption/vpon payne to make suche fyne as shall be set vpon them or any of them by the discretion of the said Justyces. Provided alway/that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned/be nat prejudiciall to the liberties of the. v. portes or membres of the same/ And for refozma- cion of anoyssaunces of byddges within the sayd portes and membres.

**C** Be it enacted by auctoryte of this present parlyament/that the warden/ Mayres/and baylyffes elected/and Jurates of the same portes and euery of them/haue power and auctoryte to inquire/ here/ and determyne all maner of comen anoyssaunces of byddges within the same portes and membres / and to make suche processe/paynes/taracions/and all other thinges within the same portes & membres/as the Justyces of peace may do in other shires or places out of the same portes by vertue and auctoryte of this present acte in euery behalfe. And be it farther enacted by the auctorytie aforesayd/ that the Justyces of peace/or foure of them/shall haue power and auctorytie to allowe suche reasonable costes and charges to the sayde Surueyors and Collectours/as by their discrecyon shall be thought conuenient.

**C** For as moche that all be it byddges decayed were amended and repayred/ accorbynge to the tenour of this acte/ yet neuer the lesse/ if speedy reme- dye for the amendement of the wayes nexte adioynynge to euerye of the endes of suche byddges/ shulde nat be hadde and made / the kynges subiec- tes shulde take lyttell or none auayle or commodite in many partes of this realme by the makynge of the byddges: In consyderacyon whereof be hit enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord / and the lordes spirytuall and  
temporall/

tempozall/and the comons in this present parlyament assembled / and by auctoꝛytie of the same / that suche parte and poꝛcion of the hyghe wayes in euery parte of this realme(as well within franchise as without)as lye nexte adioynynge to any endes of any brydges within this realme/ distant from any of the sayde endes by the space of. CCC.fote / be made / repayꝛed / and amended as often as nede shall require. And that the Justyces of the peace in euery shire of this realme/fraunchise/cytie/oꝛ boꝛoughe / oꝛ.iiii.of them at the leste/wherof one to be of the Quozum/within the lymytes of their co-missyons and auctoꝛyties/shall haue powꝛer and auctoꝛytie to inquire/here/ and determyne in the kinges generall cessyons of peace/all maner of anoy-saunces/of and in suche hye wayes/so beyng and lyenge nexte adioynynge to any endes of brydges within this realme/distant from any of the endes of suche brydges.CCC.fote: and to do in euery thyng and thynges / concernynge the makynge/repayꝛynge/and amendynge of suche hyghe wayes and euery of them in as large and ample maner / as they mought and may do to/and foꝛ the makynge/repayꝛynge/and amendynge of brydges by vertue and auctoꝛytie of this present acte.

**C**An acte concernynge Tanners and bochers.



How as moche as in dyuers and many good towne and places within this realme sondꝛy psones occupieng the craftes of bochers/haue nowe of late foꝛ theyꝛ singuler priuate lucre & aduauntages set vpppe tannynge houses/ vsynge in the same craftes of Tanners / and nat beinge experte in the sayd crafte/do dayly make moche false vntrewe/& discepuable lether/ sellynge the same in the great discepte of the kynges pooꝛe subiectes / And also by meane that they do occuppe as well the sayd craft of Tanners as of bochers/they do many tymes bye stolen oxen/kyne/steres/calues/and shepe/and the same do kyll and sell in their bochers shoppes/coꝛueynge the hydes/skynnes/and felles of suche stolne cattall vnto their tanne houses / causynge the same to be tanned and transposed in to tanned lether/by meane wherof nat onely a great nombꝛe of honest psons within this realme beinge robbed of suche oxen/kyne/stere/calues/& shepe so taken/can neuer come to the knowlege of þe same/neither by skynne/hyde/horne/felle/oꝛ other marke/wherby diuers pꝛeuiē felonys ben dayly in many places of this realme clokod/coꝛmytted/and done / to the great hurte of the kynges moſte lounge subiectes/ And also by occasion of the pꝛemisses the trewe and substanciall occupacion of Tannynge of lether/ is lyke in bꝛefe tyme vtterly to decaye thꝛough out this realme/ if spedꝛy remedꝛe be nat therin pꝛouyded: Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the kyng our soꝛeraygne loꝛde / the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall / and the commons in this present parlyament assembled/and by auctoꝛytie of the same / that no persone

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persone oꝝ persones occupieng the crafte oꝝ occupacion of a bocher with-  
in this realme/shall at no tyme after the feaste of saynt Myghell tharchan-  
gell next commyng by him selfe noꝝ by any other to his vie kepe any tanne  
house/oꝝ occupie the crafte of a tanner and bocher within any place of this  
realme/vpon payne of foꝛsaiture of. vi. s. viij. d. foꝛ euery day that he oꝝ any  
to his vse shall occupie any tanne house oꝝ crafte of a tanner after the sayde  
feast cōtrary to the foꝛme & effecte of this estatute/ & one halfe of euery suche  
foꝛsaiture to be to the vse of our souerayne lord the king/ & the other halfe  
to the vse of hym that wyl sue foꝛ the same to any of þ kynges courtes/be it  
by writte/byll/playnt/oꝝ infoꝛmacion/wherin the defendand shal nat be ad-  
mitted to wage his lawe/noꝝ any protection oꝝ essoin shalbe to him alowed,

**C**An acte concernynge conueyenge and caryenge of  
horses and mares out of this realme.



Here at a parlyament holden at westmyster in the. xi. yere  
of the reygne of the late famous pꝛince of memory kyng  
Henry the. vij. it was auctoꝛised/establisshed/and enacted  
by auctoꝛitie of the said parlyament/that from thensefoꝛth  
no maner of persone noꝝ persones shulde cary oꝝ conueye  
any horse out of this lande without the kynges specyall  
licence/vpon paine of foꝛsaiture of the same/oꝝ any mare  
about the value of. vi. s. viij. d. without the kynges speciall lycence/vpon  
the sayd payne of foꝛsaiture of the same mare / the owner therof oꝝ his de-  
putie recepyng foꝛ þ same mare. vi. s. viij. d. at the tyme of the sealyze vpon  
the sayde foꝛsaiture / oꝝ els it nat to be foꝛsapte. And at the tyme of sealyze  
of the sayd mare oꝝ mares/ they shall be pꝛayed by the heed offycers of the  
towne where any suche mare is taken/ & there openly to be solde to the beste  
pꝛice/ and the halfe deale of the ouer pꝛice of her/beinge aboute vi. s. viij. d.  
to be to the kyng/and the other halfe to him that so seyleth/And the kynges  
part therof to be deliuered to the customer of the said poꝛte. And where as  
it was further pꝛouyded by the same acte / that it shulde be lefull to euery  
persone oꝝ persones beinge Denysen from thensefoꝛth to cary horse beyonde  
the see/the kynges lycence in that behalfe nat optayned foꝛ their owne vles  
nat intendynge at the tyme of the shyping of the same/ noꝝ thanne fullpe  
purposed to sell him/ And that entent to be knowen by the othe of hym that  
shulde do shippe the same horse/ taken befoꝛe the customer oꝝ sercher of the  
same poꝛte/as by the sayd acte made in the sayd. xi. yere amonges other eu-  
dently appereth. Syth the makynge of whiche acte great nombꝛes of horses  
and mares haue bene secretly and otherwyle conueyde out of this realme/  
contrary to the foꝛme and effecte of the sayd statute: whereby the horses of  
this realme apte and mete foꝛ the wey/ & foꝛ other necessary vles / be at this  
tyme moche detre than lyke horses haue bene heretofore / And by reason of  
caryage



carriage & great multitude of the good mares of this realme/in to the parties  
of beyonde the see/ the good breede of horses of this realme is greatly de-  
cayde/whiche is an other cause of berthe and scarcytye of the sayde horses.  
And where also many Oxen steres/ kyne/ calves/and shepe/ben dayly con-  
veyed and caried out of this realme/in to the parties beyonde the see/whiche  
causeth great scarcytye of vytaile/and maketh cattell and vitaile to be solde  
within this realme at moche gretter pryses/ nat only to y great hurte of the  
kynge byghynesse in his prouisions/ but also to the great hurte and impo-  
neryment of the kynge's subiectes within this realme. wherfore it is or-  
dayned & enacted by auctorite of this present parliament / that no maner  
of person or persones from henceforth shall carry or conuey any horse/ gel-  
dyng/ mare/ or colte out of this realme/ or wales/ or marches of the same/  
in to any the partes of beyonde the see: nor from henceforth carry or conuey  
any oxen/ steres/ bullockes/ calves/ kyne/ or shepe / out of this realme/ or  
wales/ or y marches of the same in to any of the said partes beyonde the see  
without the kynge's speciall lycence vnder his great seale of Englande /  
vpon payne of forseynture for euery polle so conueyed contrary to this acte  
xl.s. nor that any person or persones shall from henceforth byngge any suche  
horse/ geldynges/ mares/ coltes/ oxen/ steres/ bullockes/ calves/ kyne/ or  
shepe to any hauyn/ porte/ or creeke/ within this realme/ or wales/ or y mar-  
ches thereof/ to be carped ouer the see out of this realme/ without the kynge's  
sayd speciall licence / vpon payne of forseynture of euery suche horse/ mare/  
oxen/ and other cattels aforesaid so brought vnto any suche haven/ porte/ or  
creeke to be conueyed out of this realme in to the parties of beyonde the see/  
as is aforesayde.

**C**owded alwayes that it shall be lesfull to euery the kynge's subiectes/  
whiche for reasonable causes shall entende to passe and repasse in to and out  
of this realme in to any the partes of beyonde y see/ to haue/ take/ and carpe  
with them out of this realme/ horses or geldynges for theyr onely occupa-  
cyon/ commodityte/ and ease in suche theyr iourneys/ and nat to the entent to  
selle the same in any the parties beyonde the see: and that entent to be iud-  
ged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes that shall so do shyppe suche  
horse or geldyng/ whiche othe shall be taken before the customer or any  
theyr sufficient deputies/ or sercher of the same porte/ where it shall be shyp-  
ped/ before the shyppyng therof.

**C**owded also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned/ be in any  
wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to suche persones as shall conuey oxen/ shepe/  
or other cattell to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same / for  
the onely byttaypynge of the sayde towne and marches / so that alwayes  
euery suche person and persones be bounde before the customers or theyr  
lawfull deputies of the porte/ hauyn/ or creeke / where suche cattell shall be  
shipped/ by obligacyon to the kynge's vse in as great somme as the value  
of the cattell so to be conueyed ouer shall amounte vnto / accorpyng to the

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discretion of the same customer / that he shall nat onely conueye the sayde cattell to the sayd towne oꝝ marches / there to be solde / oꝝ other wyse there to be distributed and spent foꝝ the vyttaylynge onely of the same / but also to byynge oꝝ sende to the sayde customer a sufficient certificat / within foure monethes nexte after the date of the sayde obligacyon / the same certificat to be sealed and subscribed with the handes of two of the kynges counsell of the sayde towne oꝝ marches / and by the customer oꝝ his deputye of the sayde towne / that the sayde cattelles haue benne trewely broughte without fraude / and deliueredde to somme the kynges officers oꝝ iudges inhabyted and abydynge in the sayde towne of Caleys / oꝝ marches / there to be spent foꝝ the onely vyttaylynge aforesayde / And after that suche customer hath receyued suche certificat made / sealed / and subscribed in due forme (as is aforesayde) he to cancell the same obligation vpon payne of forfeiture of the somme of the sayde obligation / and after to bring oꝝ sende the same obligation so cancelled / with the certificat therunto annexed / oꝝ els foꝝ lacke of suche due certificat so to be made / the sayd customer to byynge oꝝ sende the sayd obligation uncanceled in to the kynges eschequer at the tyme of makinge of his oꝝ theyꝝ accompte foꝝ the yere nexte after the tyme ly-mitted in the sayde obligation / there to remayne vntyll trewe knowlege be hadde / whether the sayde cattell and euery parte thereof hathe benne duely brought without fraude to the sayd towne oꝝ marches foꝝ vyttaylynge of the same (as is aforesayde) so as foꝝ lacke of suche certificat nat made accordynge to the condycion of the sayde obligation / procelle may be made in the sayde eschequer foꝝ the recouere of the penaltie in the sayde obligacyons to the kynges vse accordynge to reason. And if any customer / sercher / oꝝ controller of any porte / hauyn / oꝝ creke within this realme / suffre any suche cattalles to be shypped in the same before suche obligation had (as is aforesayde) oꝝ if any customer faile in byynge oꝝ sendynge in to the kynges eschequer / at his oꝝ theyꝝ accompte / the sayde obligation by hym to be taken with the certificat / if any be to hym broughte / in forme as is aboue sayde : that then euery suche customer / sercher / and controller sufferynge any suche cattell to be conueyde ouer the see / contrary to this acte / shall lose and forsaite lyke sommes / as the partye so shyppeynge oꝝ conueynge the same cattell shall do by vertue of this present acte : and foꝝ defaulte of certificat of any suche obligation / and certificat accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte / euery suche customer shall lose and forfeit. x. li.

**C** And be it further enacted / that it shall nat be lafull to any persone to carie oꝝ conuey any suche cattell brought out of this realme to the sayde towne of Caleys oꝝ marches / out of the sayde towne and marches of the same / vpon payne of forfeiture foꝝ euery polle so brought out of the sayde towne and marches. xl. s. The one halfe of which forfeitures & penalties / excepte the sommes of money conteyned in suche obligacyons / to be to the kyng our souerayne lord / & the other halfe to þe partie that shall lease oꝝ sue foꝝ the

for the same by accyon/byll/playnt/or infozmacyon / in any of the kynges courtes: wherin the defendaunt shall nat wage his lawe/nor any protection or essopne shall be alowed. And if any ples be pleded in any suche accyon or sute / nat triable in the realme / nor within any suche place / where the kynges wytte dothe conner: than by auctorytie of this acte/euery suche plee if any issue be taken of the same / shall be tryed by the verdite of. xij. men in the shire or place / where any suche accyon or sute shall be commensed / any thyng to the contrary hereof nat withstandynge.

**C**ōprouded that it may be laufull to the kynges counsellars of the sayde towne and marches of Caleys / to conuey out of this realme to the same towne and marches suche hōsles / geldynges / and mares for theyr owne vles/as they shall thynke expedyent / nat entendynge at the shypynge of them to put them afterwarde to sale/wherby they shulde be conueyed out of the kynges sayde towne and marches : and that entent to be iudged by the othe of them that shall shyppe suche hōsles/geldynges/and mares to be taken befoze the customer / or sercher / or any theyr deputyes of the same porthe/haupn/or creke / where it shall be shypped / And that other hōrsemen of the sayde towne and marches / that is to say men of armes / speares on hōrsebacke/archers on hōrsebacke/and scowrers/may cary and conuey out of this realme suche hōsles and geldynges as any of them comynge in to this realme shall haue brought with them / or leauynge suche hōsles or geldynges as they shall bynge in to this realme / or comynge hyther within this realme without any hōrse or geldynge/may lyberally carpe and take with them to the sayd towne of Caleys and marches/other hōsles and geldynges of the bredynge of this realme for theyr owne vles within and without the same towne and marches / this acte or any thyng therein con-  
teyned to the contrary nat withstandynge.

**C**ōprouded alwayes that this acte/nor any thyng therein niencyoned/be in any wyse hurtefull or pzeiudiciall to the mayster of the kynges hōsles now and hereafter to be/for suche thynges and cōmodities as shall and do concerne his office/any thing in this acte to the contrary nat withstanding.

**C**ōprouded also that the wardeyne of the spue portes now beynge / or hereafter to be/may yerely at his pleasure gyue. vi. hōsles or geldynges/and no more within one yere / at one or dyuers tymes / vpon lyke payne as is aforesayd / to any persone or persones in to the parties beyonde the sees / beynge in amytie with the kynges hyghnes or his successours / this acte or any thyng therein nat withstandynge. This acte to contynewe vnto the laste day of the nexte parlyament.

**C**ōprouded alway that it shalbe lefull to any the kinges subiectes to cary or sende in to any parties of beyonde the see any mares/wherof the pzeice of any one mare so to be caryed doth nat excede. vi. s. viii. d. in lyke maner as they myght do befoze the makynge of this acte / any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof nat withstandynge.



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**I**n acte concernynge Denysens straungers to pay straungers customes/tolles/and other dueties.



Have the comons in this present parlyament assembled/ that where in a parliment holden at weymyster the. vii. day of ianuarye/ in the fyrst yere of the reygne of our late soueraygne lord of famous memozy king Henry the. vii. whose soule god pardone/ It was ordeyned estaublished and enacted by auctoritie of the said parlyament/ that every person made (or after the making of the sayde acte) to be made Denysen / shulde pay of his marchaundises yke custome & subsidie as he ought or shulde paye afore that he were made Denyson/ Any letters patentess/ or other ordinaunces by parliament or otherwise to the contrary nat withstandynge: whiche estatute and ordinaunce was onely made for custome and subsidie to be payde to the sayd late kynge and to our now soueraygne lord. Sythen whiche tyme diuers graunces haue ben made to dyuers/ as well marchaunt straungers as other Alyens / bozne out of this realme/ to be Denysens/ wherby they haue and enioye suche freedomes and lybertes as doth Denysens bozne within this realme being our said soueraygne lord & kings naturall bozne subiectes/ wherof there is no small nombze/ and every day encrease moze and moze/ by the which the said Alyens to their lucre and auaple/ bene encreased to great and notable substance and ryches/ & the naturall subiectes of our sayd soueraygne lord & his realme greatly empoueryshed: And after they be so enryched / for the most part conuey them selves with their said goodes to their owne countrey/ wherin they be naturally bozne/ to the great detriment of the comon weale of this realme of Englande & subiectes of the same. It may therfore please your hyghnes of your moost good & lounge disposicion/ that ye beare and owe to the comon welthe of this your realme/ by the aduyse of your lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled/ and by auctoritie of the same to ordeyne/ enacte/ and estaublyshe/ that every persone or psones/ what so euer they be/ bozne out of this realme of Englade out of the kings obeyssaunce/ made or hereafter to be made Denyson/ do pay to your grace & to your heyyes/ and to all and every other persone and persones/ of what estate/ degree/ or condicyon he or they be/ and to all and singuler offycers and minysters of ctytes/ boroughes/ and townes / within this realme of Englande/ And to every of them/ all suche subsidyes/ customes/ tolles/ duetyes / and other sommes of money for theyr wares / marchandyses / and other what so euer goodes / by what so euer name or names the sayde subsidyes/ customes/ tolles/ duetyes/ and other sommes of money or any of them be named or called / as they shulde or ought to haue payde before they were Denysens / any graunt or graunces to them made or hereafter to be made/ or any acte or actes/ estatute/ or ordynaunce to the contrary made or had nat withstandynge.

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**C**onprouded alway that all and singuler offycers and minystrs of euery cytie/bozoughe/o: towne/wherin any suche custome / tolles / duetyes / o: sommes of money shall be demaunded (as is abouesayde) on this lyde the feaste of Penthecoite nexte comynge/shall sette by o: cause to be sette by in open place and places of euery suche cytie/bozoughe/o: towne/a table o: tables / by whiche the certepntie and very duetye of euery suche custome / tolle/and duetye/o: somme of money of suche wares and marchandyses to be demaunded o: requyred / as is aboue rcherfed / shall and may playnely appere and be declared/to thentent that nothing be exacted otherwyle then in olde tyme hath bene vsed and accustomed/vpon payne of euery citie nat doyng the same / to lose. v. li. and euery towne corporate to lose. xl. s. for euery monethe that the same table shall faile to be sette by after the same feaste / the moyte of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord/and the other moyte to the partie that will sue for the same/by wrytte/byll/playnt/o: informacyon: in whiche accyon the defendaunt shall haue no esloynne/wager of lawe/ne protection alowed.

**C**onprouded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd/that this acte ne any other acte o: actes made o: to be made in this presente parlyament/concernyng the premysse/be nat in any wyle pzejudiciall o: hurtefull vnto the marchauntes of the house of almaygne / no: to any of them hauynge the house within the cytie of London/commonly called Wyde halle Cheutonicozum/otherwyle called the marchauntes of Stylyarde in London/no: to their goodes o: marchandises / by what so euer name o: names they o: any of them be called: but that they and euery of them shall haue and enioy all suche liberties/fraunches/customes/and pziuileges / as they had the fyrste day of this present parliament/any thynge o: thynges specified in this acte o: in any other acte o: actes made o: to be made in this present parlyament nat withstandynge.

**C**onprouded alwaye that the tables so to be sette by in the citie of London touchynge scauage within the same shall fyrste be vieued / examyned / and approued/by the Chauncellour & Treasorer of Englande/the president of the kynges counsell/the lord pziue seale / the lord stuarde of the kynges mooste honorable housholde/and the.ij.chiefe Justices of the kynges benche and common place for the tyme beyng/o: by.iiij.of them at the leaste / and by them subscripbed.

### **C**An acte agaynste Popsonynge.



**H**e kynges royall maiestye callynge to his mooste blessed remembraunce/that the makynge of good and holsome lawes/and due execution of the same agaynste the offendours herof/is the onely cause / that good obedience and order hath bene pzeierued in this realme: And his hyghnes hauynge mooste tender zeale to the

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to the same/ emonge other thynges/ considerynge that mannes lyfe about  
all thynges is chiefly to be fauoured / and voluntarie murders mooste  
hyghly to be detested and abhored/ And specially of all kyndes of murders  
poysonynge/ whiche in this realme hytherto ( our lozde be thanked) hathe  
benne mooste rare and seldome comyned o: practysed: And nowe in the  
tyme of this present parlyament / that is to saye in the. xviij. daye of fe-  
buarie/ in the. xxiij. yere of his mooste victorizous reygne/ one Rycharde  
Roole late of Rouchester in the countye of Kent coke / otherwyle called  
Rycharde coke/ of his mooste wycked and dampnable disposicion/ dydde  
caste a certayne benyme o: poyson in to a vessell replenysed with yeste o:  
barne standynge in the kechynne of the reuerende father in god Johā  
bysshoppe of Rouchester at his place in Lamehythe marthe: with whiche  
yeste o: barne and other thynges conuenient / porrage o: gruell was  
forthewith made for his famlye there beyng: whereof nat onely the  
nombre of. xlii. persones of his sayde famlye / whiche dydde eate of that  
porrage/ were mortallye infected and poysonned / and one of them/ that is  
to saye / Benet Curwen gentyll man therof is deceased/ but also certayne  
pooze people whiche resorted to the sayde bishoppes place / and were  
there charitably fedde with the remaine of the sayde porrage/ and other  
byttailes / were in lyke wyse infected / And one pooze woman of them /  
that is to saye Alyce Crypppyte wydowe / is also thereof nowe deceased:  
Our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge of his blessed disposicion/ inwardly  
abhorrynge all suche abhominable offences / because that in maner no  
persone can lyue in suertye oute of daunger of deathe by that meane / if  
practyse thereof shulde nat be eschewed / hathe ordeyned and enacted by  
auctorytie of this present parlyament / that the sayde poysonynge be ad-  
iudged ad demed as hyghe treason / And that the sayde Rycharde Roole  
for the sayde murder and poysonynge of the sayde two persones (as is  
aforesayde) by auctorytie of this present parlyament shall stande and be  
atteynted of hyghe treason. And because that detestable offence nowe  
newly practysed and commytted requyrethe condigne punysshement for  
the same/ It is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie of this present parly-  
ament / that the sayde Rycharde Roole shall be therfore boyled to deathe/  
without hauynge any aduantage of his clargy. And that from hence-  
forthe euerye wylfull murder of any persone o: persones/ by any what so  
euer persons o: persone hereafter to be commytted and done / by meane  
o: waye of poysonynge/ shall be reputed/ demed/ and iudged in the lawe to  
be hyghe treason. And that all and euery persone o: persones / whiche  
hereafter shall be lausfully indyted o: apeled / and attaynted o: condemned  
by order of the lawe of suche treason for any maner poysonynge of any  
persone/ shall nat be admytted to the benefite of his o: their clargye: but  
shall be immediatly after suche atteynder o: condemnation commytted to  
execucion of dethe by hopynge for the same: And that the Justyce of peace/  
in euery



in euery shyre/ cytie/ or towne corporate within this realme: where Justices of peace benne / shall haue full power and auctoritie in theyr cellions to inqyre from tyme to tyme as well of suche traytorous murderers and murders as of the counterfeitinge of coyne of any outwarde realme/ suffered to runne and goo within this realme by the kynges assente / and to make processe there vpon by Capias onely / and that the Justices of Assise in euery shyre of Englande / shall haue full power and auctoritie to here and determyne in theyr cellions / as well suche treasons committed and done by waye of poisoninge / as the counterfeitinge of any suche coyne suffered to runne within this realme by the kynges assente / as is aforesayde. And furthermoze hit is enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament / that all landes and tenementes / and other hereditamentes of any persone and persones / whiche hereafter shall be condemned or atteynted of any treason for poisoninge (as is aforesayde) shall eschete / remayne / and be to the lordes of the fees / as by the lawes of this realme landes and tenementes of felons or murderers atteynted / haue heretofore excheted / this present acte of treason or any thinge therein conteyned nat withstandinge.

**An acte concernynge out landyshe people / callinge them selves Egyptians.**



And as moche as afoze this tyme dyuers and many out landyshe people / callinge them selves Egyptians / vsyng no crafte nor feate of marchandise / haue comen in to this realme / and gone from shyre to shyre / and place to place in great company / and vnder great subtilty and craftye meanes to deceyue the people / bearynge them in hande / that they by Balynestye coulde tell men and womens fortunes: and so many tymes by crafte and subtiltye haue deceyued the people of their money: And also hath committed many and haynous felonies and robberies / to the great hurte and disceyte of the people that they haue comyn amonge.

Be it therfore / by the kyng our soueraygne lord / the lordes spirituall and temporell / and by the commons in this present parliament assembled / and by the auctoritie of the same / ordeyned / establisshed / and enacted / that from henceforth no suche persones be suffered to come within this the kynges realme / And if they do / than they and euery of them so doynge shall forsaite to the kyng our soueraygne lord all theyr goodes and cattails / and than to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. xii. dayes nexte after the commaundement / vpon payne of imprisonment. And it shall be lawfull

lawfull to euey Sheryffe / Justyce of peace / and Eschetour to seale / to the vse of our soueraygne lord / his heires / and successours / all suche goodes as they or any of them shall haue : And therof to make accomptes to our sayde soueraygne lord in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen any suche straunger hereafter to commytte within this realme any murder / robbery / or any other felonye / and therof be indicted and arraigned / and to plede nat guiltye / or any other plee triable by the countrey : that thanne thenquest that shall passe betwene the kynge and any suche partie shall be all to gether of englyshmen / all be it that the partie so indicted pray medietatem lingue / accordyng to the statute of Anno. viij. henrici. vi. or of any other statute therof made.

**P**rovyded alwaye that the Egyptians now beynge in this realme / haue monycyon to departe within. xvi. dayes after proclamation of this estatute amonge them shall be made / vpon payne of imprisonment / and forsaiture of their goodes and cattels. And if they then so departe / that than they shall nat forsaite theyr goodes nor any parte therof / this present estatute nat withstandynge.

**P**rovyded alwaye that euey suche persone or persones / whiche can proue by. ii. credible persones before the same partie / that sealythe suche money / goodes / or cattels of the same Egyptians / that any parte of the same goodes / money / or cattels / were etastely or felonously taken or stollen from hym / shall be incontinent restored vnto the same goodes / money / or cattels / wherof he maketh suche proue before the same partie that so sealeth the same money / goodes or cattels / vpon payne to forsaite to the same partie that maketh suche proue the double value of the same / by accyon of Dette / byll / or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes to be sued : vpon whiche accyon and sute he shall nat be admytted to wage his lawe / nor any protection or essoyne to be allowed / any thyng in the acte to the contrarye nat withstandynge.

**P**rovyded alwayes / and be it farther enacted / that if any Justyce of peace / Sheryffe / or Eschetour / which by auctoryte of this acte haue power to take or seale any goodes or cattels of any Egyptians at any tyme hereafter do seale or take the goodes or cattelles of any suche Egyptians : that then euey such a Justyce / Sheryffe / or Eschetour / doyng the same / shall haue / kepe / and retayne to his owne vse the moyte of all suche goodes so by hym seald / and of the other moyte so by hym taken or seald / shall make answer and accompte to the kynge in his Eschequer / accordyng to the tenour of this present acte : any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrary herof nat withstandynge. And that vpon any account hereafter to be made for the sayde other moyte of the same goodes / the accountant shall paye no maner of fees or other charges for his account or discharge to be had in the kynges Eschequer / nor els where.

**C**An acte concernynge Powdyke in Harthelande.

Where tofore this tyme dyuers euill disposed persones of theyr peruerſed and euill diſpoſicyon/maliciouſly at dyuers & ſondry tymes/hath cutte/caſte downe / and broken bp dyuers parties of the dyke called the newe Powdyke in Harthelande / in the countie of Nozfolke / And the broken dyke otherwyle called Oldefelde dyke by Harthelande/in the Ile of Elſe within the countie of Cambrydge:by reaſon wherof as well by the great abundance of the ſalte water/as alſo by the courſe of the freſhe water/enterynge and comynge in to and by the ſayd parties of the ſayde dykes ſo broken and caſte downe/ the grounde and paſtures within the countrey of Harthelande in the countyes aforeſayd hath ben dyuers and many tymes drowned and ſurrounded with the waters aforeſayd/ſo that none profite therof myght be taken by the owners and occupiers of the ſayd grounde & paſtures within Harthelande aforeſaid. For the drownynge wherof the ſayd owners and occupiers of the ſayde grounde/and the inhabytauntes within the ſaid Harthelande and the leuell of the ſame at many and ſondry tymes hath bene nat oney put to importunate charges and expences / to their extreme damages and coſtes/but alſo to theyr great vndoynge haue loſte moche of theyr cattell and beſtes than beyng & paſturing vpon & within Harthelande aforeſaid to theyr great damage and loſſe/& to the great decaye of the common weale of the countreyes adioynnge to y ſame. And alſo by reaſon of the ſame waters moche people haue bene drowned in their beddes within their houſes/ and haue loſte the moſte parte of their goodes beynge within the ſame.

**C**For the reſormacyon wherof be it ordained/ enacted/ and eſtabliſhed by the kynge our ſoueraygne lord/by the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal/and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled/and by the auctorytie of the ſame / that euery ſuche peruerſe and malycious cuttinge downe and breakinge bp of any parte or partes of the ſayd dykes/or of any other banke / beyng parcell of the rynde and uttermoſt parte of the ſayde countrey of Harthelande aforeſayd, made for the defence and ſaluacyon of the ſame countrey of Harthelande/at euery tyme and tymes from henceforth by any perſone or perſones commytted and done / otherwyle than in woz kynge vpon the ſayd bankes or dykes for the repayrynge/fortifyenge/ and mendynge of the ſame : be taken/reputed/and adiudged felonye . And that the offendours & doers of the ſame and euery of them be adiudged & reputed felons : And that the Juſtyces of the peace of the ſayde countyes of Nozfolke / and Cambrydge within the ſayde Ile / at euery of their ceſſions within the ſame Ile and countyes to be kept / by the auctorytie aforeſayde haue full powar to cauſe enquiry to be made of euery ſuche offence/ ſo at any tyme in fourme aforeſayde hereafter to be commytted and done / and to awarde lyke proceſſe agaynſte euery of the ſayde offendours with lyke



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lyke iugement & execution of the same (if they or any of them be therof founde gyltye by verdyte or otherwyle) as the sayd Justyce hath vsed and accustomed to do vpon other felonys being felony at the common lawe.

**C**An acte concerning howe aged/poore/and impotent persones compelled to lyue by almes/shall be ordred: and howe vacaboundes/ and myghty stronge beggers shall be punysshed.



Where in all places throughe out this realme of Eng-  
lande vacaboundes and beggers haue of longe tyme  
increased/ and daylye do increase in great and excessyue  
nombres/ by the occasion of ydelnes mother and rote of  
all byces/ wherby hath insurged and spronge/ & dayly  
insurgeth and spryngeth contynuall thestes/ murders/  
and other sondry heynous offences & great enozimities/  
to the hygh displeasure of god/ the inquietacyon & damage of the kynges  
people/ and to the meruaylous disturbaunce of the common weale of this  
realme: And where as many and sondry good lawes/ strepte statutes/ and  
ordenaunces haue bene befoze this tyme deuysed and made / as well by the  
kyng our soueraygne lord/ as also by dyuers his most noble progeny-  
tours kynges of Englande/ for the mooste necessary and due refozmacyon  
of the pzemysles: yet that natwithstandynge the sayde nombres of vaca-  
boundes and beggers be nat sene in any parte to be mynished / but rather  
dayly augmented and increased in to great routes and companyes/ as eu-  
dently and manifestly it dothe and maye appere. Be it therfore enacted by  
the kyng our soueraygne lord/ and by the lordes spirituall and tempozall  
and the comons in this present parlyament assembled/ and by auctozptie of  
the same/ that the Justyces of the peace/ of all and synguler the shyres of  
Englande within the lymyties of theyr comissions / and all other Justyces  
of peace/ Mayres/ Sheryffes / baylyffes and other officers of all and euery  
citie/ borough/ riddynge / or fraunches / within the realme of Englande/  
within the lymytes of their auctozities / shall from tyme to tyme as often  
as nede shall requyre / by their discretions / deuyde them selves within the  
sayd shyres/ cyties/ boroughes/ riddynge/ or fraunches/ whereof they be  
Justyces of peace/ Mayres/ Sheryffes/ baylyffes/ or offycers/ and so being  
deuyded shall make diligent serche & inquire of all aged/ poore / and impo-  
tent psones/ whiche lyue or of necessity be compelled to lyue by almes of the  
charyte of the people/ that be or shall be hereafter abydyng within euerye  
hundrede/ rape/ wapentake/ citie/ borough/ paryshe/ lybertie/ or fraunches  
within the lymittes of their diuision / and after & vpon suche serche made/  
the sayd Justyces of peace/ Mayres/ Sheryffes/ baylyffes/ & other offycers/  
that is to saye euery of them within theyr lymyttes of theyr auctozpties/  
wherevnto they be deuyded / shall haue power and auctozptie by theyr dis-  
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crecyons to enable to begge within suche hundrede/rape/wapentake/cytie/towne/paryshe/oz other lymytes as they shall appoynt/suche of the sayde impotent persones/whiche they shall fynde and thynke mooste conuenient within the lymytes of theyr diuysion / to lyue of the charyte and almes of the people/and to gyue in commaundement to euery suche aged and impotent begger ( by them enabled ) that none of them shall begge without the lymytes to them so appoynted/ & shall also regestere and wyte the names of euery suche impotent begger ( by them appoynted ) in a bylle oz rolle indented/the one parte therof to remaine with them selfe / and the other parte by them to be certified befoze the Justyces of peace at the nexte cellions after suche serche had/to be holden within the sayd shires/cities/townes/oz franchises / there to remaine vnder the keepyng of Custos Rotulorum . And that the sayd Justyces of peace/Mayres/Sheriffes/baylyffes / and other offycers/that is to say as they be deuyled / shall haue power and auctoritie to make suche & so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundredes/rapes/wapentakes/cities/boroughes/townes/oz places/within the whiche they shall appoynte & lymyte euery suche impotent pson to begge/ & comitte the said seales to y custody of suche of the/oz to the custody of suche other as they shall thynke conuenient/ & shall make & deliuer to euery suche impotent pson/by them enabled to begge/a letter containinge the name of suche impotent persone/ & witnessyng that he is authorised to begge/ & the lymytes / within whiche he is appoynted to begge / The same letter to be sealed with suche of the said seales as shalbe engraued with the name of the lymyte/wherin suche impotent person shalbe appoynted to begge in/and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde Justyces oz offycers aboue sayd. And if any suche impotent persone so authorised to begge/do begge in any other place than within suche lymytes/that he shalbe allygned vnto : & then the Justyces of peace/Mayres/Sheriffes/baylyffes/constables/and all other the kynges offycers and mynisters / shall by theyr discretions punyshe all suche persones by imprisonment in the stockes by the space of .ij. dayes and .ij. nightes/gyuynge them but onely breade and water/and after that cause euery suche impotent persone to be swozne to retourne agayne without delaye to the hundrede/rape/wapentake/cytie/borough/towne / paryshe/oz franchises/where they be authorised to begge in .

¶ And it is enacted/that no suche impotent persone(as is aboue sayd)after the feast of the Natiuite of saynt Iohn the Baptiste nexte comynge:shall begge within any parte of this realme/except he be authorysed by writyng vnder seale/as is aboue sayde . And if any suche impotent persone after the sayd feast of saynt Iohn be vagarant & go abeggyng / hauynge no suche letter vnder seale / as is aboue specified : that then the constables / and all other inhabytauntes / within suche towne oz paryshe / where suche persone shall begge / shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and brought to the nexte Justyce of peace/oz hyghe constable of the hundrede. And thereupon

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the sayd Justyce of peace / or hyghe constable / shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabytauntes of the towne or paryllhe / whiche shall brynge before hym any suche begger / that they shall strype hym naked from the myddell bpwarde / & cause hym to be whypped within the towne where he was taken / or within some other towne where the same Justyce or hygh cōstable shall appoynt: if it shall seme to the discrecion of the said Justice of peace or hygh cōstable / that it be conuenient so to punyssh the suche begger to him brought: And if nat / than to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stockes in the same towne or paryllhe / where he was taken / by the space of thre dayes & thre nyghtes / there to haue only breade and water. And there vpon the sayde Justyce or hygh constable / afore whome suche begger shall be brought / shall lymytte to him a place to begge in / and gyue to him a letter vnder seale / in forme aboue remembred / and l'were hym to departe and repayre thither immediately after his punysshment to hym executed.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctoritie afore sayd / that if any persone or persones / beyng hole and myghty in bodye / and able to labour / at any tyme after the sayd feast of saynt Iohn / be taken in beggynge in any part: of this realme: or if any man or woman beyng hole and myghty in bodye / and able to labour / hauynge no lande / maister / nor vsynge any lafull merchandise / craft / or mystery / wherby he myght gette his lyuynge / after the same feast be vagaraunt / and can gyue no rekenynge howe he doth lefully get his lyuynge: that than it shalbe lefull to the constables / and all other the kinges officers / mynisters / and subiectes / of euery towne / paryllhe / and hamlette / to arest the said vacabouides and ydell persones / and them bringe to any of the Justyces of peace of the same shire or lybertie / or elles to the hygh constable of the hundrede / rape / or wapentake / within whiche suche persones shall be taken. And if he be taken within any cytie or towne corporate: than to be broughte before the Mayre / Sheryffes / or baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche Justyce of peace / hygh constable / Mayres / Sheryffes / and baylyffes / by theyr discrecyons / shall cause euery suche ydell persone so to hym brought / to be hadde to the nexte market towne or other place / where the sayd Justyces of peace / hygh constable / Mayres / baylyffes / and other offycers shall thinke most conuenient by his or theyr discrecyons / and there to be tyed to the ende of a carte naked / and be beten with whyppes throughe out the same market towne or other place / tyll his body be bloody by reason of suche whyppynge. And after suche punysshment and whyppynge hadde / the persone so punysshed by the discrecyon of the Justyce of peace / hyghe Constable / Mayre / Sheryffes / baylyffes / and other offycers / afore whome suche persone shall be brought / shall be enioyned vpon his othe / to retourne forthewith without delaye in the nexte and streyghte waye to the place where he was borne / or where he laste dwelled before the same punysshment / by the space of thre yeres / and there to putte hym selfe to labour lyke as a trewe man owethe to do.

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And after that done / euery suche persone so punysshed and ordered / shall haue a letter sealed with the seale of the hundrede / rape / wapentake / cytie / bozoughe / towne / lybertie / or fraunchyse / wherein he shall be punysshed / wrytten / that he hath bene punysshed accordyng to this estatute / and conteynyng the day and place of his punysshement / and the place whereunto he is lymyted to go : and by what tyme he is lymyted to come thether / within whiche tyme he may lawfully begge by the waye / shewyng the same letter / and other wyse nat. And if he do nat accomplishe the order to hym appoynted by the sayde letter / then to be estesones taken and whypped / and so as often as any defaute shall be founde in hym contrarye to the order of this estatute / in euery place to be taken and whypped / tyll he be repayed where he was bozne / or where he laste dwelled by the space of thre yeres / and there put his body to labour for his lyuynge / or otherwys truly gette his lyuynge without beggynge / as longe as he is able so to do. And if the persone so whypped be an ydell persone and no comen begger / than after suche whyppynge he shall be kepte in the stocks tyll he hath founde suerty to go to seruyce / or els to labour / after the discrecyon of the sayde Justyce of peace / Mayres / Sheryffes / baylyffes / hyghe constables / or other suche offycers / afoze whome any suche ydell persone beyng no comen begger shall be brought / if by the discrecyon of the same Justyce of peace / Mayre / Sheryffe / bayly / hyghe constable / or other suche hede offycer it be so thoughte conuenient / and that the partie so punysshed be able to fynde suertie / or els to be ordered and sworne to repayre to the place where he was bozne / or where he laste dwelled by the space of thre yeres / and to haue lyke letter and suche further punysshement / if he estesones offende this estatute / as is aboue appoynted to and for the comen / stronge / and hable beggers / and so from tyme to tyme to be ordered and punysshed tyll he put his body to labour / or otherwys truly gette his lyuynge truly accordyng to the lawe. And that the Justyces of the peace of euery shire / cytye / towne / and lybertie / shall haue power and authorytie within the lymyttes of their commysions / to enqyre of all Mayres / baylyffes / constables / and other offycers and persones that shalbe negligent in executyng of this acte.

And if the constables and inhabitauntes within any towne or paryshe / where any suche impotent persone or stronge begger dothe happen to begge contrarye to the fourme of this estatute / be negligent / and take nat euery suche impotent and stronge begger / that so shall begge agayne the fourme of this estatute / and order / and punyshe euery suche begger as is aboue lymyted : that than the towneshyppe or paryshe / where suche defaute shalbe / shall lose and forfeyte for euery suche impotent begger / that shalbe suffered to begge within the said towneshyppe or paryshe / nat beyng taken / ordered / and punysshed / accordyng to the fourme of this estatute. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery stronge begger / that shall happen to begge within any suche towneshyppe or paryshe / nat beyng taken and ordered as is aboue lymy-

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ted by this estatute vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of all whiche forfeitures to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord/ and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same by any byll of informacyon afoze the kynges Justyces of his peace in their generall cessions / to be holden in the shyre or within any lybertie/ where suche defaute shall happen.

¶ And that all Justyces of peace within any shire/ cytie/ boroughe/ or lybertie/ shall haue full power and auctorite / as well to here and determine euerye suche defaute by presentment as by suche byll of informacyon / and vpon euery presentment afoze them / and vpon euerye suche byll of informacyon/ to make processe by distresse agayne the inhabytauntes of euerye suche towne and paryllhe / where any defaute shall be presented or supposed by any suche informacyon. By auctorite of whiche distresse the sheryffe or other offycer/ to whome by the lawe suche distresse shall be made/ shall distreyn the goodes and cattelles of suche one or two of the sayde inhabytauntes/ as he may haue knowlege were moost neglygent and in defaute in the execucion of this acte / and the sayde distresse reteyne tyll they fynde suertie to appere at the cessions lymytted in the sayde distresse. And in case they appere and confesse the defaute / or elles if they traaverse the presentment / and it be tryed agayne them by verдите / or denye the informacyon / and it be proued agayne them by sufficient wytnes : than the sayd Justyces of peace in theyr cessions shall haue auctorite to assesse the fynes as benne aboue lymytted after the rates aboue sayde / and to make processe for the leuenge of the same/ by distresse of the inhabytauntes of suche townes or paryllhes/ where suche defaute shall be tryed or proued. And that euerye suche fyne/ if it growe by presentment/ to be onely to the kynges vse. And if it growe by informacyon : then the moyte thereof to be to hym that pursuethe the informacyon for the same/ & the other moyte thereof to the kynges vse/ as is afoze sayd. And if any suche persone or persones distreined appere nat at the day & place conteyned in suche distresse : then vpon the returne of the sheryffe or other offycer/ to whome the distresse was deliuered to execute that suche persone or persones were distreyned: then euerye suche persone or persones so distreyned at the fyrste distresse shall lose. xl. d. and at the seconde vij. s. viii. d. and so to be doubled vpon euery distresse in suche cases to be awarded/ tyll apparaunce may be had by one of the inhabytauntes of suche towne or paryllhe/ to denye / traaverse/ or confesse the presentment or informacyon exhibyted agayne any suche towne or paryllhe : to the entent that vpon tryall or pzoofe thereof/ p fynes aboue lymytted may be assessed & leuied of the inhabytauntes of euerye suche towne or paryllhe as is aboue reherfed.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite afoze sayde / that scholers of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambrydge/ that go about beggynge/ nat beyng authorysed vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersities/ by the commissarye/ Chauncellour/ or bychauncellour of the same / and all and synghuler shypmen / pretendynge losses of their shippes and goodes of the see / goynge about

about the countrey beggynge without sufficient authoritie wytnessynge the same: shall be punished and ordered in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed of stronge beggers. And that all proctours and pardoners goynge about in any countrey or countreys/ without sufficient authoꝛyte / and all other ydell persones goynge aboute in any countreye / or abydyng in any citie/ borough/ or towne/ some of them vsyng diuers and subtyll / crafty/ and vnlawfull games and playes/ and some of them feynynge them selves to haue knowlege in phisylke/ physnamy / palmestrye / or other craftye sciences / whereby they bere the people in hande that they can tell theyꝝ destinyes / deceases/ and fortunes/ and suche other lyke fantastycall imaginacyons/ to the great disceyte of the kynges subiectes: shall vpon examynacyon had befoze two Justyces of peace/ wherof the one shall be of the Quorum/ if he by prouable wytnesse be founde gyltie of any suche deceytes/ be punished by whyppanyng at two dayes to gyther after the maner befoze rehearsed. And if he esteemes offende in the sayde offence or any lyke offence: then to be scourged. ij. dayes/ and the thyrde daye to be putte vpon the pylloꝛye from. ix. of the clocke tyll a. xi. befoze none of the same day / and to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punishment with whyppanyng/ stondinge on the pylloꝛye/ and to haue his other eare cutte of. And that Justyces of the peace haue lyke authoꝛyte in euery lyberty and fraunchise within theyꝝ shyrres/ where they be Justyces of peace/ for the execucion of this acte in euery parte therof / as they shall haue without the lybertye or fraunchise.

Also it is further enacted that this acte shall verely be redde in the open cellions/ to the intent that the sayde estatute shalbe the moze feared and the better put in execucion

And furthermore be it enacted/ that if any persone or persones at any tyme hereafter gyue any herborowe/ money/ or lodgynge / to any beggers beyng stronge and able in theyꝝ bodyes to worke / whiche order them selves contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that euerye suche persone so doyng/ beyng sufficiently proued or presented afore any Justyce of peace/ shall make suche fyne to the kyng as by the discrecyon of the sayde Justyces of peace at their generall cellions shalbe assessed. And if any persone or persones do disturbe or let the execucion of this acte in any maner wyse/ or make rescous agayne any Mayre/ Sheryffe/ bayliffe/ or other persone / shall endeouour him selfe for the due execucion therof: it is then enacted that euerye suche persone & persones/ for euerye suche offence doyng / shall lose & forfeit. C. s. & ouer that to haue imprisonment at the kynges wyll. The one halfe of whiche forfeiture if suche offence be comytted in any cite or towne corporate/ to be to the Mayre/ Sheryffe/ bayliffe/ or other hede officers/ of suche cite or towne corporate/ where any suche offence shalbe done/ to the vse of the comunaltie of euerye suche cite or towne corporate: And if it be comytted out of a cite or towne corporate / than the sayde one halfe to be to the



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lord of the lete or lawe daye / where suche offence shall be done / and the other halfe of everye suche forseiture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord. For the whiche forseiture of. v. li. recovery shall be had by accyon of Dette/byll/playnt/or infozmacyon/in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche sutes the defendantes shall nat wage theyr lawe/no: haue any essoyne or protection allowed.

**C** Doubted alway that this acte no: any thyng therein conteyned / shall be hurtfull or preiudiciall to the barons or other inhabytautes of the fyue portes or of their membres: neyther to any graut/libertie/or franchise heretofore made by the kynge our soueraygne lord / or any his progenitours kinges of Englande/to the sayd barons or other inhabitautes their auncestours/predecessours/or to any of them. And that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that all & every Mayre and mayres/and bailly & baylyffes/electyfe and elected by the comons and inhabytautes of every towne and place of the sayd portes and membres/& also iurates of every of the said townes and places of the said portes and membres:shall haue lyke authoryte within everye suche towne & place/ where they or any of them be or shall be Mayre/ baylyffe/ or iurate / to put or cause to be put this acte in due execution/as the Justice of peace in any countie of this realme haue or shall haue auctoryte and power by this acte to do/where they be Justices. And that the inhabitautes within everye towne within the sayd portes/shall be bounden to the execution of this acte/like as other inhabitautes be without the said portes vpon like payne as is aboue remembred. And if any person or persons/whiche shall inhabite within the said. v. portes or membres/ be he impotent or other ybell persone/do hereafter begge without the sayde fyue portes or membres of the same contrary to this acte / that than everye suche persone shall be ordered and punished / accordynge to this acte / any thyng in this poynt to the contrary nat withstandynge.

**A**nd hit is ordeyned and enacted/ that the seales aboue reherfed shall be made at the costes and charges of the Justices of peace/ Mayres/ Sheriffes/baylyffes/and other officers aboue written/on this lyde the feast of the Nativite of saynt John Baptiste nexte comynge / that is to saye that everye of them shall do the sayde seales to be made within the tymptes of their dyspion/iurisdiction / and auctorities.

**A**nd it is also ordeyned and enacted/ that everye letter to be made by the auctorite of this acte/wherby any impotent begger shalbe auctorysed and assigned to begge/shall be made in this forme ensuyng.

**W**ant. II. **M**emorandum that A. B. of Dale/for reasonable considerations is lycenced to begge within the hundrede of D. K. and L. in the said countie. Given vnder the seale of that tympte Tali die et Anno.

**A**nd that everye suche letter that shall be made and deliuered to suche begger or vacabonde/after he hath be whynned by authoryte of this acte/shall be made in this wise folowynge.

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**C**hent. ff. **CJ. S.** whipped for a vagrant stronge begger at Dale in the sayd county/ accordynge to the lawe/ the. xij. day of July/ in the. xxiii. yere of kyng Henry the. viii. was assygned to passe forthwith and directly from thens to Sale in the county of Midd. where he sayth he was bozne/ or where he last dwelled by the tyme of. iii. yeres. And he is lymytted to be there within. xiiii. dayes next ensuyng/ at his parell/ or within suche nombre of dayes as to hym shall be lymytted by the discrecyon of the maker of the sayde letter. In wytnesse whereof the seale of the lymytte of the sayde place of his punysshement herevnto is sette.

**A**nd hit is enacted / that euerye suche letter shall be made at the equall coites of suche the sayde Justyces / Mayres / Sheryffes / Baylyffes / or other offycers / within whose iurisdiction / powers / and authoryties the sayde begger or vacabounde shall be whipped or lymytted to begge in by auctoritie of this acte. And euerye suche letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayd Justyces / Mayres / Sheryffes / baylyffes / or other offycers in this forme folowyng : Per me. A. B. vnum Justiciarium pacis / or maiorem ciuitatis / or balliuum ville / or constabularium talis hundredi / or els in lyke forme in englyshe.

**A**nd it is further enacted / that euerye suche persone and persones as haue the custodie of any Gayles / within any shire / cytie / borough / or towne corporate / on this syde the sayde feast of saynt Iohn the Baptiste : shall do make a seale engraued with the name of the cauteil / pryson / or Gayle / whiche he kepeth. And in case any persone or psones / that at any tyme after the sayd feast of saynt Iohn shall be delyuered out of any Gayle or pryson / for suspicious of felonye by proclamation / or be acquyte of any felonye / and hath no freedes to pay his fees / nor was bozne within the hundrede or place where he shall happen to be so delyuered / nor can gette hym no mayster there to abyde and worke with : shall haue lybertie to begge for his fees by the lycence of his keper / by the space of. vi. wekes nexte after suche delyueraunce / and after that to be compelled to go to the hundrede / where he was bozne or laste dwelled by the space of. iii. yeres / within suche tyme as shall be lymytted by one of the Justices of peace / Mayres / Sheryffes / Baylyffes / or any offycers / where suche delyueraunce shall be hadde.

**A**nd hit is enacted / that euerye suche persone so delyueredde / shall haue a letter made to hym by the clerke of the peace of the shyre / within the whiche he was delyueredde / if he be delyueredde in the shyre : and if he be delyueredde in any cytie / borough / or towne corporate / then he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euerye suche cyte / borough / or towne / where he is delyuered : euerye suche letter wytnessynge the daye of his delyueraunce / and the place where he was deliuered / and afoze whome / and the tyme appoynted to hym to begge for his fees / and the place / to the whiche he shall be assygned to repayre vnto / in case he can gette no mayster to fall

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to fall to worke where he was delyuered. And to euery suche letter the sayde Gaylour oꝛ keeper of prison/out of the whiche suche persone shall be delyuered: shall put the seale lymitted to be made as is aforesayd for the sayde prison. And that euery suche letter shall be made in this wise folowynge.

**E**ller.ii. ¶ The.xx.day of July/Anno regni regis Henrici.viii.xxiij. J.S. was delyuered for felony out of the Gayle of D. in the sayde countie/ at the celsyons holden afoze A.B. and his felowes at Sale/the day and yere afoze sayde/and is allowed to begge for his fees by the space of. vi. wekes. And in case he can gette him no maister to worke withun the sayde terme: then he is assigned to passe directly to D. in the countie of Kent / where he saythe he was borne/oꝛ laste hath dwelled by the space of. iij. yeres. And he is allowed. xiiij. dayes next after the sayde. vi. wekes for his passage thither / oꝛ suche nombꝛe of dayes as to him shall be lymitted / by þe discrecyon of the maker of the sayd letter. In wytnesse wherof the seale of the prison/from the which he was delyuered / here vnto is sette. And in suche shires / where there is no Gayle/the sheryffe therof (for the tyme beyng) shall cause a seale to be engraued with the name of the shire / & shall order and vse the same seale to & for suche persones deliuered as is aforesaid/after lyke maner & forme as the Gayler oꝛ keeper of the Gayle is lymitted and appoynted to do by this acte. ¶ And it is also enacted/that euery clerke of the peacc of the shire / within the whiche suche pson shall be delyuered / & euery common clerke of euery cytie/borough/oꝛ towne corporate / within the whiche any suche persone shall be delyuered: shall make for euery suche persone as shall be so deliuered/ where they be suche officers/the said letter in forme abouesaid/without any fee takynge for the same/& shall delyuer euery suche letter to the Gaylour oꝛ keeper of the prison/from the whiche suche persone shall be delyuered. And if there be no Gayle there/then to the sheryffe of the shire / where suche delyueraunce shall be had / within one day nexte after the ende of the celsyons / where any suche delyueraunce is had / vpon payne to lose and forfeite for defaute of euery letter. xij. s. to the kinge our soueraygne lord. And that the Gaylour oꝛ keeper of the prison/from the whiche the sayd persone shall be so delyuered/and in case there be no Gayle/then the sheryffe of the shire where any suche deliueraunce shall be had: shall nat suffre any suche persone to go abroad to begge for his fees/noꝛ departe out of prison / except it be to seruyce oꝛ labour/vnlesse the same gaylour oꝛ sheryffe first delyuer to the sayd persone the sayde letter / conteynyng his name sealed with the seale of the prison/from the whiche he shall be delyuered/oꝛ els with the seale engraued with the name of the shire / if there be no prison / vpon payne for euery defaute to lose. xii. s. to our sayd soueraygne lord.

¶ And it is enacted / that if any persone oꝛ persones so beyng delyuered out of prison at any tyme after the sayd feast do begge/nat hauyng the said letter sealed in forme aboue sayde / oꝛ begge contrarie to the tenour of the same letter: that then he shall be taken / ordered / and whynned in euery behalfe/



halfe/like as is aboue appoynted for stronge beggers. And that to be done and executed by suche as be aboue lymytted to do the same vpon stronge beggers: and in suche wise and vpon suche payne as is afoze lymytted for none execution of the punysshment of stronge beggers.

**W**herby is ordeyned alwaye that it be lesfull to euery persone and persones beyng bounden by reason of any foundation or ordynaunce/ to geue or distribute any money in almes / and also to euery persone and persones at common dooles vsed at burialles or obites: to geue & dispose in almes any money to euery pson & persones comynge to suche almes or dooles/ after like maner & forme as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe/afoze the making of this acte/without any daunger or penaltie of this estatute: any thyng conteyned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof nat withstanding.

**W**herby is ordeyned also that hit be lesfull to all maysters & gouernours of hospytalles to lodge and herbozough any persone or psones of charite or almes/ accorдынge to the foundation of suche hospytalles / and to geue money in almes in as large maner and forme as they are bounden or owen to do / any thyng in this estatute to the contrary hereof nat withstandinge. And this acte to endure vnto the last day of the nexte parliament.

**A**n acte concernyng that no persone or persones straungers/ beinge a comon baker/bzuer/surgeon/or scriuener/shall be expounded hande craftes men.



**W**here dyuers estatutes penall heretofore haue bene made agayne straungers artificers for exercysing of hadye craftes within this realme/ & for keepyng of houses/apprentises/ & seruauntes estraungers/ as by the sayd seuerall estatutes moze playnly is reherled / Sythen the makynge wherof/ bere bzuers and bakers/whiche ben comon vitellers/ and also surgens/and scriueners/being straungers/inhabyted and dwellyng within this realme/haue bene put to trouble and great vexacyon by occasion of informacyons broughte agayne them vpon the sayde estatutes/supposynge that straungers vsynge bakynge/bzuyng/surgerye/ or wrytyng / shulde be hande craftes men: vpon the whiche informacyon great doubtes / and ambiguities haue ryssen / whether straungers vsynge any of the sayde mysteryes or scyences shulde be vnderstande suche hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayd estatutes. For playne declaration whereof/ hit is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord/ and the lordes spirituall & tempozall/ and the commons in this present parlyament assembled/ & by auctozite of the same/that no persone or persones straungers beyng a comon baker/bzuer/surgeon / or scriuener / shalbe enterpze or expounded hande craftes men/in for or by reason of vsynge any of the sayde mysteries or sciences of bakynge/bzuyng/surgerye/ or wrytyng: And that all in-

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all informations/sutes/accions/and proces had / taken / oꝛ hereafter to be taken vpon any of the sayd estatutes/agayne any suche straüger oꝛ straungers/beynge bakcrs/bruers/surgeons/oꝛ scriueners/shall be by authoritie of this pꛛesent acte voyde and of none effecte.

**C**An acte concernynge howe persones comynyttyng peþre treason/murder/oꝛ felony/shall abiure.



The kynge our soueraygne loꝛde considerynge that many of his subiectes heretofore / foꝛ their offences & merites / haue bene put to execution of deþhe by the lawes of this realme:and many other comynyttyng lyke offences / foꝛ tuicion of their lyues / haue fledde and resoꝛted to churches/and other halowed places/within this realme/and there beinge/haue abiured the realme before the kynges Coroners of the same: Dyuers of whiche men (so abiuryng) haue bene knowen to be very experte mariners/& many other haue ben sene to be very able and apte men foꝛ the warres/and foꝛ defence of this realme / so that by the one meane and the other / the strengthe and power of this realme is greatly mynysþed: And diuers of the said persones/whiche heretofore haue abiured this realme/beynge by reason of their abiuracions in outwarde realmes & countreys/haue nat onely pꛛocured many men of the same to the exercise and pꛛactyse of archerie/and haue instructed them in the feate and knowlege therof/to the great encrease and fortifications of the same outwarde realmes and countreyes: but also the same abiured persones haue disclosed their knowleges of the comodities and secretes of this realme / to no littell damage and pꛛeuidice of the same. The kynges hyghnes therfoꝛe dayly studyenge and deuilsynge to pꛛouyde foꝛ the saulsegarde of this his realme/and of his subiectes/Albeit they be transgressours of his lawes / so that the incōmodities ensuyng vpon suche abiurations to be pꛛeserued to the best effecte / as ferre as shall please god to gyue them grace / hathe oꝛdeyned and enacted by auctoꝛytie of this his pꛛesent parliament/that if any persone hereafter flee oꝛ resoꝛte to any parysþhe churche/Cimitorie/oꝛ other lyke halowed place/foꝛ tuicion of his lyfe/by occasion of any murder robbery/oꝛ other felony by the same persone cōmitted: and thereþpon confesse any murder / felonye oꝛ other offence before a coroner / wherfoꝛe the same persone by the lawes of this realme heretofore vsed / shulde abiure & passe out of the same / The same persone therþpon shall abiure from all his lybertie of this realme/and from his lyberall and free habitations / resoꝛtes / and passages/to and from the vniuersall places of this realme / whiche apperteyne to the libertie of the kynges subiectes vndefamed/And shall forthwith be directed by the coroner / takynge and recordynge suche abiuration/to any one sepntuarie/beynge within this realme / whiche the same persone wyll

wyll electe and chose / there to remaine as a seyntuarie persone abiured /  
 durynge his naturall lyfe / and to be swozne afoze the cozoner vpon his ab-  
 iuration so to do / And to be burned in the hande accoꝝdyng to the statute  
 in that case pꝛouided . And euery suche persone so abiured shalbe directed &  
 conueyed to the same seyntuarie by hym chosen / by the constables and other  
 offycers / and in euery behalfe oꝝdered after lyke maner and founte as he  
 shulde haue benne / in case he shulde haue abiured this realme foꝝ any  
 murder oꝝ felonye after the lawes of the lande . And if after suche abiura-  
 tion any persone so abiured come out of the same seyntuarie / to the whiche  
 he was assygned / and be taken without the same seyntuarie / nat haunynge  
 the kynges speciall pardon oꝝ lycence so to do : thanne euery suche persone  
 abiured / and after abiuration taken without seyntuarie / wherunto he was  
 assigned / shall suffre suche lyke payne of deathe / and after lyke maner be  
 oꝝdered / as he shulde haue done and ben / in case he had abiured this realme  
 foꝝ murder oꝝ felonye / and after suche abiuration had retourned agayne into  
 this realme / contrary to the lawes of this lande . And furthermoze it is  
 enacted / that if any suche seyntuarie persone so abiured / oꝝ any other per-  
 sone oꝝ persones / which now be oꝝ is / oꝝ hereafter shall happen to be in any  
 seyntuarie of this realme / foꝝ doynge any pety treason / murder / oꝝ felonye /  
 oꝝ foꝝ beinge accessoꝝy to any suche offences : oꝝ if any persone oꝝ persones /  
 whiche at any tyme hereafter shall take any seyntuarie of this realme / foꝝ  
 doynge any pety treason / murder / oꝝ felonye / oꝝ foꝝ beinge accessoꝝy to  
 any suche offences / oꝝ vpon abiuration / and so beinge in seyntuarie foꝝ oꝝ  
 vpon any suche cause / matter / oꝝ offence / afterwarde comynytte oꝝ do any  
 pety treason / murder / oꝝ felonye / within the same seyntuarie / oꝝ be acces-  
 soꝝy to any suche offences : oꝝ go out of the same seyntuarie / and com-  
 mytte any pety treason / murder / oꝝ felonye / oꝝ be accessoꝝy to any suche  
 offences / and after come agayne to the same seyntuarie / oꝝ take any  
 other seyntuarie foꝝ the same : euery suche persone and persones / beinge en-  
 dyted foꝝ any of the sayde causes oꝝ offences / shall lose the pꝛiuellege of the  
 same seyntuarie by hym taken / and of euery other seyntuarie within this  
 realme / foꝝ any suche cause of pety treason / murder / felonye / oꝝ abiuration /  
 and foꝝ any accessoꝝy to any suche offences . And that it shall be lesfull to all  
 and synguler Justyces of peace / and the hyghe Sheryffe of the countie oꝝ  
 other place / where the seyntuarie is : and to all & synguler Mayres / She-  
 ryffes / and baylyffes / of cityes & townes coꝝpꝛate / where suche seyntuarie  
 is / and to euery of them / and to the seruauntes / mynisters / and offycers / oꝝ  
 any oꝝ euery of the same Justyces of peace / Sheryffes / Mayres / & baylies /  
 in their pꝛesence to take out of the same seyntuarie / oꝝ seyntuaries / all and  
 euery suche seyntuarie persone oꝝ persones / so assendynge as is afoꝝesayd / &  
 beinge endited of the same / and to comynytte oꝝ putte hym oꝝ them into the  
 kynges Gaole within the shire oꝝ lybertie / where any suche inditement is  
 founde agaynste any suche persone / sauely to be kept tyll they shall be of the  
 same



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same pety treason/murder/o2 felony/o2 of p accessorie to any suche offences/  
wherof they shall happen to be endited/convicted/attepnted/o2 discharged  
by the lawe. And if any pson o2 psones/whiche shalbe endited of any pety  
treason murder o2 felony/o2 of any accessorie to any suche offence / happen  
hereafter to be taken out of any seyntuarie fo2 the same by auctorite of this  
estatute/ & vpon his o2 they2 arraynement plede seyntuarie / accordeynge to  
the order of the lawe: Than it is enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde/that  
as well the kynges attourney/ as euery other persone fo2 the kinge/ shall be  
admitted to obiecte and allege/ that the persone so arrayned afoze the doing  
of the offence o2 offences/ wherof he than is arrayned/ dyd take priuilege of  
seyntuarie in the same seyntuarie/ wherof he allegeth hym to be taken out/  
o2 in any other place priuileged within this realme vpon any abiuration/  
o2 fo2 any other pety treason/ murder/ o2 felony/ than wherof he is array-  
ned/ and that he there had and enioyed priuilege of seyntuarie fo2 the same/  
and that he so hauynge ones priuilege of seyntuarie in the same / dyd com-  
mytte the offence of pety treason/murder/ o2 felonye/ whereof he thanne is  
arrayned: & that he went out of the sayd seyntuarie / and commytted the  
same offence/ wherof he is endited and arrayned/ and praye that suche per-  
sone so arrayned may be excluded of restitution to the seyntuarie by hym  
demaunded. And in case the sayd plee and obiection (so alleged) be denied  
by the pson so arreynd/ than it is further enacted / by the auctoritie afoze  
sayd/ that it shall be forthwith tryed afoze the same Justyces / where suche  
persone is so arrayned / and by the same iurours of the same countye / that  
shall trye the pety treason/ murder/o2 felony/ wherof he is arrayned/ with-  
out further delaye/ in what so euer countye o2 counties/ place o2 places of  
this realme the same other takynge of seyntuarie shall be alleged o2 objected  
to be done o2 had: And if the plee so objected agaynst the sayde persone ar-  
rayned/ be tryed agaynst hym by verdite. of. xij. men / o2 by his owne con-  
fession/ & also it be founde by verdite of. xij. men/ o2 by his owne confession/  
accordeynge to the order of the lawe/ that he is gyltie of the petye treason/  
murder/o2 felony/o2 of any accessorie to any suche offence / wherof he is so  
arrayned: that than lyke iugement and execucion shall be gyuen and done  
vpon euery suche persone/as though he had be no seyntuarie persone/nor  
had claymed o2 required the priuilege of the same. And if any suche per-  
sone be laufullly acquitted of the pety treason/ murder/ o2 felony/ wherof he  
shall be so endited and arrayned/ than he shall be restozed to the same seyn-  
tuarie/out of the whiche he was taken / there to haue the priuilege of the  
same in lyke maner as he had befoze.

**C**Provyded alway that if any persone beyng o2 abydyng in any seyntu-  
arie (as a seyntuarie persone) hereafter shall happen to be indyted fo2 any  
maner of felony supposed to be committed by hym o2 her/ goyng out of the  
same o2 any other seyntuarie/ and commyttynge the same felonye / whyles  
that he o2 she so was a seyntuarie persone / he o2 she so beyng endited any  
suche

suche felony supposed to be done without the sepntuarie / shall nat be taken out of the sepntuarie / wherein the same persone shall than be resident befoze that he o: she be examyned therof by two of the kynges mooste honozable counsell / o: by foure Justyces of peace of the shyre / where the sepntuarie is / wherein the persone endyted is resident . And if the same persone so endyted within foure dayes after the fyrste examination do make suche pzoue as the sayde examyners by their discretions shall thynke sufficient / that the same persone was in the sepntuarie at the tyme of the sayd felony comitted : than he o: she makynge suche pzoue shall be suffered to remayne and be in the same sepntuarie without any extraction from the same / the sayde enditement / o: any thyng in this acte aboue wrytten nat withstandynge.

**¶** Prouyded also that if any persone / whiche was at any tyme a sepntuarie persone for any pety treason / murder / o: felony / optayne and haue the kynges pardon / and thereby o: otherwile be at large / and out of sepntuarie / discharged o: purged of that offence o: cause / wherfoze the same persone toke sepntuarie / and afterwarde do comytte other pety treason / felony / o: manslaughter by chaunce meebly / and nat murder of malyce premedysed / and thereupon agayne take sepntuarie for any suche pety treason / felony / o: manslaughter by chaunce meebly : the same persone shall haue and enioye the pryuilege of sepntuarie for that his o: her other offence of pety treason / felony / o: manslaughter / by chaunce meebly / as the same persone mought haue had befoze the makynge of this acte / any thyng in the same acte conteyned nat withstandynge.

**¶** And ouer this for moze spedy trials of murders & felonys / be it enacted by auctoryte aforesayd / that all maner of foreyne pleges / triable by the countrey / hereafter to be pleded by any persone o: persones arrayned vpon any enditement / for any pety treason / murder / o: felony / shall be forthwith tryed befoze the same Justices / afoze whome suche persones shall be arrayned / and by the same iurours of the same countie that shall trie the pety treason / murder / o: felony / wherof he shall so be arrayned / without any further respit o: delay / in what so euer countie o: counties / place o: places of this realme / the matter of the same pleges be supposed o: alleged . And that no persone arrayned / for any pety treason / murder / o: felony / be from hent forthwith admitted to any petemptorie chalenge aboue the nombze of. ii. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parlyament .

**¶** Prouyded alwayes that no persone nor persones be hereafter excluded o: in any wyse hurted to haue and enioye any pryuilege of sepntuarie / for any offence o: offences / beyng of any hyer nature in the lawe / thanne the offences and causes specified in this acte be : but that every persone and persones for suche offences of hyer nature / may haue and enioye pryuilege of sepntuarie / in as free & liberall maner / & after suche fourme as they mought haue do by the lawes and customes of the realme afoze the makynge of this acte / any thyng in this acte to the contrarie hereof nat withstandynge.

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**C**An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon  
for his spirituall subiectes.



He kyng our soueraigne lord callinge to  
his blessed and moſte gracious remembraunce / that his  
good and lounge ſubiectes / the moſt reuerende father in  
god the archebiſhoppe of Canturbery / and other biſ-  
ſhoppes / ſuffreganes / prelates / and other ſpirituall per-  
ſones of the prouynce / of the archebiſhoppe of Can-  
turbery of this his realme of Englande / & the myniſters  
vnder wyrtten / whiche haue exercyſed / practyſed / or executed / in ſpirituall  
courtes and other ſpirituall iuriſdiction within the ſayd prouynce / haue  
fallen and incurred in to byuers daungers of his lawes / by thynges done /  
perpetrated / and committed / contrary to the order of his lawes / & ſpecially cō-  
trary to the forme of the ſtatutes of prouiſours / prouiſions / & Remunire /  
and his highnes hauing alway tender eye / with mercy / pyte / and cōpaſſion  
toward his ſayde ſpirituall ſubiectes / myndynge of his hyghe goodnes  
and great benygnyte ſo alwayes to imparte the ſame vnto them / as Juſtice  
being daily adminiſtered / all rygour be excluded / and the great and beneuo-  
lent myndes of his ſayd ſubiectes largely and many tymes approued to-  
warde his hyghnes / and ſpecially in theyr conuocation and ſynode nowe  
preſently being in the chapiter houſe of the monaſtery of weſtmyſter / by  
correſpondence of gratitude to them to be requited : of his mere motion /  
benygnyte / and lyberality / by auctorite of this his parliament / hath gyuen  
and graunted his lyberall and free pardon to his ſayde good and lounge  
ſpirituall ſubiectes / and the ſayd miniſters and to euery of them / to be had /  
taken / and enioyed / to and by them / and euery of them / by vertue of this  
preſent acte in maner and fourme enſupnge / that is to wete : The kynges  
hyghnes of his ſaide benygnyte and hygh lyberalpyte / in conſideracion that  
the ſaid archebiſhoppe / biſhoppes / & clergye / of the ſaid prouynce of Can-  
turbery / in their ſayd conuocation nowe beinge / haue gyuen and graunted  
to hym a ſubſidie of one hundrethe thouſande poundes of lafull money  
currant in this realme / to be leuped and collected by the ſayde clergye / at  
theyr propre coſtes and charges / and to be payde in certayne fourme ſpe-  
cified in theyr ſayde graunt therof : is fully and reſolutely contented and  
pleaſed / that hit be ordeyned / eſtabliſhed / and enacted by authorytie of  
this his ſayde parlyament / that the moſte reuerende father in god wyl-  
lyam archebiſhoppe of Canturbery / metropolytane and primate of all  
Englande / and all other biſhoppes / and ſuffraganes / prelates / abbottes /  
priours / and their conuentes / and euery perſone of the ſame conuentes / and  
conuentes corporate / and euery perſone of the ſame conuentes corporate /  
abbesſes / prioreſſes / and religious nunnes / and all other relygious and ſpi-  
rituall perſones / deanes / and chappeters and other dignyties of cathedraill  
and



and collegiall churches/prebendaries/canons/ and petye canons / bycars/  
 and clerkes of the same/ and euery persone of the same/ all archdeacons/  
 maysters/ prouostes/ presidentes / wardens of colleges and of collegiate  
 churches/ maysters and wardens of hospitalles / all felowes / betherne/  
 scholers/prestes/and spirituall conductes / and euery of the same / and all  
 bycars generall of diocesis/ chauncellours/ commissaries / officpals/ and  
 deanes rurales/and all ministers hereafter generally reherfed of any spi-  
 rituall courte oꝛ courtes within the said prouince of Canturbery/that is to  
 say all iudges/aduocates/regysters/and scribes/ proctours constytuted to  
 iudgementes and apparytours / and all other whiche within the sayde pro-  
 uince of the archebysshopriche of Canturbery at any tyme heretofore haue  
 administred/ exercysed / practysed / oꝛ executed in any iurisdiccions within  
 the sayde prouynce/ as officers and ministers of the sayd courtes / oꝛ haue  
 bene ministers oꝛ executours to the exercyse oꝛ administration of the same/  
 and all and singuler polytyke bodyes spirituall in any maner wise corpoza-  
 ted/and all persones vicars/curates/chauntye prestes/stipendiaries / and  
 all and euery persone and persones spirituall of the clergye of the sayd pro-  
 uynce of Canturbery in this present acte of pardon hereafter nat excepted/  
 oꝛ to the contrary nat prouided for/by what so euer name oꝛ surname/name  
 of dignite/preeminence/oꝛ office/they oꝛ any of the be oꝛ is named oꝛ called/  
 the successours/heires/executours/and administratours of them/ & of euery  
 of them: shall be by auctoritie of this present pardon/acquited/ pardoned/  
 released / and discharged / agaynste his hyghnes / his heires / successours/  
 and executours/and euery of them/of all and all maner offences/contemp-  
 tes/ and trespasses commytted oꝛ done agaynste all and singuler statute and  
 statutes of prouisions / prouisions / and Remunire and euery of them/  
 and of all forfeitures and titles that may growe to the kynges hyghnes by  
 reason of any of the same statutes / and of all and singuler trespasses/  
 wronges/deceytes/myldemeanours/forfeitures/penalties/and profettes/  
 sommes of money/paynes of deathe/paynes corpoꝛall and pecunpate / as  
 generally of all other thinges/ causes/ quarelles/sutes/ iudgementes/ and  
 executions in this present acte hereafter nat excepted noꝛ forpyled / whiche  
 maye be oꝛ can be by his highnes in any wyse oꝛ by any meanes pardoned/  
 before and to the tenth daye of the moneth of Marche / in the. xxi. yere of  
 his moost noble reygne/to euery of his sayd lounge subiectes / that is to  
 saye to the sayde archebysshoppe / and other the sayde bysshoppes / suffre-  
 ganes/prelates / abbottes/pypours/and conuentes / and euerye persone of  
 the same conuentes/ and conuentes corpoꝛate/and euery person of the same  
 conuentes corpoꝛate/abbesses/priozelles/ nunnes/ and spirituall persones  
 in dignitie/ and all other relygious and spirituall persones / deanes / cha-  
 piters/prebendaries/canons/petye canons/bycars chozalles/ and clerkes/  
 archdeacones/maysters/ prouostes/presidentes/ wardens / felowes/ bze-  
 therne/scholers/prestes/and spirituall conductes/ Chauncellours/bycars/

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generall of dyocesis/commysaries/offpials/deanes rurales / all iudges/ aduocates/registers and scribes/proctours and apparitours/whiche haue administred/practysed/o2 executed any iurisdiction in any spirituall courte within the sayde prouince/and to the sayde polytike bodyes / spirituall persones/bycars/curates/chauntry prestes/stipendiaries/and to all and euery persone and persones spirituall of the clergie of the sayde prouynce/and to all and euery other persone o2 persones befoze named.

**A**lso the kynges highnes is contented/that it be enacted by authozitie of this present parlyament / that this sayde free pardon shall be as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his sayde spirituall subiectes of the sayde prouynce/ and to euerye of them/ and to the sayde mynysters and euerye of them/and to all and euery of the sayd bodyes co2pозate/and other persones befoze named/ & to euery of them/ by these generall wo2des befoze reherled/ in all thyng/ whiche be nat hereafter in this present acte excepted / as the sayde pardon shulde haue bene/if all offences / contemptes / and fo2septures/ causes/matters/sutes/quarels/ iudgementes / execucyons/penalties/ and all other thinges nat hereafter excepted/ had bene particularly/synghularly/ & plainly pardoned/named/reherled/ & specyfied/ by p2op2e o2 exp2esse wo2des and names/in their kyndes/natures/and qualtyes/in wo2des and termes therevnto requisite in the sayd pardone. And that his sayd subiectes hereafter nat excepted no2 any of them/they2 sayde mynysters/successours/ he2res/executours no2 administratours of any of them/ no2 any of them/ no2 any of the sayde bodyes co2pозate:be no2 shall be sued / vexed / no2 inquieted in their bodyes/goodes/landes/no2 cattels/fo2 any maner matter/ cause/contempte/my2 demeanour/fo2septure/trespase/offence/o2 any other thyng/ suffred/done/o2 com2pted befoze the sayde tenth day of Marche/agaynst the kynges highnes / his crowne / prerogatiue/lawes/statutes/o2 dignitie/but onely fo2 suche causes/ matters / and offences / as be specially and playnely reherled in the exceptions/fo2p2ises / and prouysions/ in this present pardon hereafter mencyned/and fo2 none other/any statute o2 statutes/lawes/customes/vse/o2 president heretofore made o2 vled/to the contrary in any wyse nat withstandynge.

**A**lso the kynges hyghnes of his bountious lyberalitie/by auctozptie of this present parlyament / graunteth and frely gyueth vnto his sayde spirituall subiectes and they2 sayde minysters / that is to save the sayde archbishopshoppe/and all other the sayde bishopshoppes / suffreganes / prelates / abbottes/p2yours/conuentes/abbesses / p2yo2esses / nunnes / and spirytuall persones in dignitie/and all other religiuous and spirytuall persones / deanes/chap2yters/prebendaries/canons/pet2e canons/ bycars cho2alles/and clerkes/archedeacons/maysters / p2ouo2stes / p2esidentes/ wardens / felowes/ b2etherne/scholars/prestes/spirituall conductes/Chauncellours/bycars generall of diocesis/commysaries/offpials/deanes rurales/iudges/ aduocates/ registers/ scribes/ proctours/ and apparitours / bodyes co2pозate/

rate and polityke bodyes / spirituall persones / bycars / curates chauntye prestes / stipendiaries / and to all other persones spirituall / men and women of the clergie or spiritualtie of the sayd prouynce / and to euery of them / all suche goodes / cattalles / fines / issues / profits / amerciametes / forfeitures / and somes of money / by any of them forfeited / whiche to his highnes do or shulde belonge or appertayne / by reason of any offence / contempte / mysde-meanour / trespasse / matter / cause / or quarell / suffered / done / or commytted by them or any of them before the sayde tenth day of Marche / whiche be nat hereafter specially and playnly forgyued and excepted in this present acte of pardon. And that all and euery of the sayd spirituall subiectes / and their sayd mynisters / and all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate & other persones before named / may by hym selfe or his or their attourney or attourneys / accordyng to the lawes of this realme / p'ede & minister this present acte & free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thyng that is therby p'doned / without any fee or other thyng therfore in any wyle payeng to any persone or persones for p'edinge / w'ritinge / or entree of iudgement / or for any other cause concernynge the same / but onely. xij. d. to the clerke that shall entree the p'lee / matter / or iudgement / for his or theys discharge in that behalfe : any estatute or vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore the kynges hyghnes is contented / that it be enacted by authorite of this present parliament / that his sayd free pardon in all maner courtes of his lawes and els where / shalbe reputed / demed iudged / allowed / and taken / as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions & forgyues specified in this present pardon and acte / as in all and spnguler the other clauses / wordes / and sentences / mencioned & rehersed in the sayd free p'don / moost beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler his sayde subiectes / and to euery of the sayde bodyes corporate and polityke bodyes spirituall / and to euery persone spirituall of the sayd clergie and spiritualtie / and to their sayde mynisters and offycers / and to all other persones afore named / and to euery of them / and to the successours / heyres / executours / and ministratours of euery of them / and moost strongly in barre and discharge agaynst his highnes / his heyres / successours / & executours in euery thyng / without obstacle / chalenge / or other delaye / what so euer it be / to be made / p'leded / objected / or alleged / by the kyng our soueraygne lord his heyres / successours / or executours / or by his or any of their generall attourney or attourneys / or by any other persone or persones for his hyghnes / or any of his heyres / successours / or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord / & by authoritie of this present p'lyment / that if any officer or clerke of any of his hygh courtes / comonly called the kynges benche / Chauncery / & comen place or of his eschequer / or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme / after the feast of Ester next comyng / make out or wryte out any maner of wryttes / or other p'ocesse / or any extractes / or other p'ce-



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ceptes / wherby any persone or persones of his sayd subiectes / or any of the sayd bodyes corporate or politike bodyes spirituall / or any of them / shall be in any wyse arrested / attached / distreyned / somoned / or otherwyse vexed / troubled / or greued / in his or their bodyes / landes / tenementes / goodes / or cattalles / or in any of them / for or because of any maner of thing acquitted / pdoned / released / or discharged by this present acte of free pdon: he so offending / & therof lawfully condemned / shall yelde & paye for recōpence therof to the partie so greued or offended treble damages / accompted as parcell of those damages all costes of the sute. And neuerthelesse all & singuler suche writtes / processe / extractes / and pceptes / after the said feast of Ester to be made / for or vpon any maner thinge acquitted / pdoned / released / or discharged / by this present acte of free pdon: shall be utterly voyde & of none effecte.

**E**xcepted alwayes & forpased out of this pardon / all maner of high treasons / all premeditated & volūtary murders / all robberies of churches / & robberies done vpon or to mennes psones / all other felonies & robberies by the cōmen lawe / of felonous takinge of money / goodes / and cattalles / aboue the value of .xx. s. all felonous brennyng of houses / all carnall rauishementes of women / all rasyng of records / all vtlatyes of hygh treasons / and of all maner of felonies other than felonies to the sayd value of .xx. s. or vnder y somme. And that all other outlawries had / promulged / vpon or agaynst any of the kynges sayd subiectes / for any cause nat beyng treason / murder / or felonie aboue the said some of .xx. s. to be pardoned by the generall wordes of this pardon also sayd: so alway that the same sayd subiectes and euery of them so bringe outlawed / stande to ryght to answer or satisfie the ptie / at whose sute he is outlawed / accordinge to the lawes of this realme.

**A**lso excepted and forpysed out of this pardon all tithes and accyons of Quare impedit / and titles of presentacions / donacions / and collacions to benefices and other promotions spirituall / which the king our soueraygne lord hath or is intituled to haue / other then be growen / shulde or myghte growe vnto our sayde soueraygne lord by force or meane of any statute or statutes of prouisoirs / prouisions / or Remunire.

**A**nd also excepted and forpysed out of this pardon all rauishementes of the kynges wardes / all wastes of the kynges woodes in his forrestes / parkes / and chales / all conceylmentes of customes and subsidyes / all rottes / rottes / and vnlawfull assemblies comytted and done aboue the nombre of .xx. persones.

**A**nd also excepte all maner of alienacions and gyftes into mortmayne / and all alienacions / gyftes / assignementes / wylles / & lymytacyons of vles / of any manours / landes / tenementes / rentes / annuities / & other heredytamentes to the vble of any maner of mortmayne / & all intrusions had / made / or done in or into any manours / landes / tenementes / or other heredytamentes / sythen the feast of the Natyuitie of our lord god / in the .xxii. yere of the regne of our sayd soueraygne lord / and also all offences comytted and

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done by byggyng downe or castyng downe of any crosse or crosses/whiche stode or were set in any comon or hygh waye or wayes / & all and synghuler dettes/other than dettes growen upon recognyssaunces beyng all redy forseynted/for suertie of the peace/or for apparaunce at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forpyssed out of this pardon al accomptes/and all actions / lutes/ and impetitions for the same accompte/ and arreages of accomptes/and for the sayde dettes or any of them here by excepted and forpyssed/ all homages and relieffes/ all wylfull escapes/ as well of conuictes as of other persones/dettes whiche were due to the mooste noble kynge of famous memozy kyng Henry the. vii. or to any persone or persones to his vse/by any condemnation/ recognyssaunce/ obligation / or otherwyle/ all and synghuler those forseyntures/ due to our soueraygne lord kynge Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes/whiche be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iudgement or by agrement of the offendours before the sayd tenth day of Marche/and all forseyntures and other penalties and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte. comytted or done contrary to any statute or statutes/ or contrary to the comon lawe / wherof any seysour is made/ or any informacion gyuen in the kynges eschequer/or any lute comynsed before the sayd tenth daye of Marche/ or whereof the kynges hyghnes by his byll sygned or otherwyle hath made any gyfte or allygnement to any of his seruantes/other than suche accyons/ lutes/forseyntures/ penalties and profites / growen or due / or whiche myght growe or be due to the kynges hyghnes/ by reason of any offence/ contempte/or acte / comytted/ or done/ contrary to the sayde statute of prouysours/prouysions/ and Premunire/or any of them.

¶ And also excepted all issues forseynted/ fynes/ & amercyamentes assayed/ taxed/sette/extreted/or iudged seuerally/or particularly/extendyng aboue the somme of. C.xx. s. And that all and synghuler other fynes/as well fynes pro licencia concordandi/as other / and all other issues and amercyamentes as well reall as other/whiche seuerally or ptycularly extende nat aboue the sayde somme of. C.xx. s. whether they be totted or nat totted / taken to the charge of the Sheryffe or nat taken to his charge/extreted or nat extreted/ whether they be tourned into Dette or nat Dette/ and nat beyng leuyed nor receiued by any sheriffe/or sheriffes/baylyffes / minysters or other officers / shall be fully / clerely / and plainly pardoned and discharged / to euery of the kynges subiectes before reherled/ agaynst the kynge our soueraygne lord/his heyyes and successours for euer.

¶ And it is further enacted by the authoptye afoze sayd/ that in case it be objected to any Sheryffe or Sheryffes/ or other accomptauntes in the kynges courte of his Eschequer / or in any other his courtes/that any Sheryffe or Sheryffes or other officers accomptaunt/ hath or haue receyued or taken any suche fynes/ issues / or amerciamentes/ before pardoned/ released/ or acquyted : that then euery suche Sheryffe and Sheriffes/ and other accomptantes

comptantes shall be discharged / released / pardoned / and acquyted thereof by his or theyr othe / without any further tryall in that behalfe.

**E**xprouyded alway that this acte of free pdon shal nat in any wyse extende / or be beneficiall or auaylable in any thyng / to the reuerende father in god / John archebysshop of Beuelen / nowe beyng in the kynges lande & domination of Irelande / nor shall in any wyse extende to pdon / discharge / release / or acquyte the bysshoppe of Hereforde / nor shall extende or be beneficiall to Peter Ligham clerke / John Baker clerke / Adam Trauers clerke / Robert Clyffe clerke / Roulande Philippes / and Thomas Belles clerkes.

**E**xprouyded also that this acte of pardon shall nat extende or be preiudiciall to the kyng our souerayne lord / his heyrres or successours in any thyng concernyng or touchyng his ryght and tittle of dissolucion of the college beyng in the vniuersitie of Oxforde / communly called the Cardinalles college / whiche was lately founded by the late reuerende father in god Thomas late Cardinall and archebysshoppe of yorke / nor concernyng the kynges right & tittle to the sute of the same college / nor shal extende or be in any wyse beneficiall or auaylable to the deane & canons of the same college or any of them / in any thyng concernyng the kynges ryghtes & tytles / in all manours / lordeshippes / landes / and tenementes / aduousons / churches / personages / & other hereditementes of the sayd college or any of them.

**E**xprouyded also that allowaunce shall be had to the clergie of the sayde prouince of Canturbery / out of the sayd somme of one hundreth thousande poundes / of all and synguler suche sommes of money as shall be reasonably taxed and asselled to be payed by the persones afore named / beinge fully excepted and forpyled / out and from the benefite of this free pardon / that is to say the sayd archebysshoppe of Beuelen / and the sayde bysshoppe of Hereforde / and the sayde Peter Ligham / John Baker / Adam Trauers / Robert Clyffe / Roulande Philippes / and Thomas Belles / bycause that they and euerye of them shall nat be contributours nor charged to the payment of the sayd somme of one hundreth thousande poundes.

**E**xprouyded also that this acte of free pardon shal nat extende or be in any wyse beneficiall to any clerke or other persone of the sayde clergie or spiritualtie / beyng the sayde tenth day of Marche in the custodye of the sayde archebysshoppe / or of any other ordinarie of the sayde prouynce / as a persone attaynted or conuycted by the lawes of this realme / of any murder / felony / or other cryme or offence / for or concernyng deliuerance out of the sayde conuycte pryson / tyll that he shall haue made his purgacyon accordyng to the lawes or customes vled in that behalfe / or that he be therof discharged by the kynges pardon / or other lafull meane.

**E**xprouyded alwayes that this acte shall nat extende nor in any wyse be beneficiall or auayleable to any spirituall persone / spirituall bodye corporated or politike / or other spiritual lperson / haupng any dignite / benefice /



promocyon/oꝛ other spirituall lyuelode within the pꝛouynce of yꝛke/other then to euery of them/ whiche by his oꝛ theyꝛ partyculer obligacyon to be made in due and perfecte fourme of the lawe accoꝛdyng to the effecte of a note oꝛ mynute vnder wyrtten / do bynde hym oꝛ them selfe befoꝛe the laste day of Maye next cōmyng in certayne reasonable some of money / nat excedyng the some of two yerres value of his oꝛ theyꝛ dignities / benefices / promocyons oꝛ other spirituall lyuelode/beyng oꝛ lyenge within the sayde pꝛouynce of yꝛke/to sꝛ Brian Tuke knight/treasorer of the kynges moste honorable chambꝛe/Christophoꝛ Hales the kynges generall attourney/and Baldewyn Wallethe the kynges Sollicitour/oꝛ to the ouer lyuers oꝛ ouer lyuer of them/oꝛ to any other like Treasorer/attourney/oꝛ Sollicitour/foꝛ the tyme beyng/oꝛ to any two of them/to be payed to the kynges vble/ vpon certayne condicions specyfyed in the sayde note oꝛ mynute / the whiche note oꝛ mynute hereafter ensueth.

Nouerint vniuersi per presentes me Johannem A. de L. in comitatu Mids clericum teneri et firmit obligari Briano Tuke militi / Thesaurario camere dñi regis/Christophoro Hales generali attornato eiusdem domini regis / et Baldwino Wallethe Sollicitatori ipsius domini regis in libris legalis monete Anglie / soluend eisdem Briano/Christophoro/et Baldwino / aut eorū vni/execut vel assignatis suis ad vsum dñi regis in festo sancti Bertholomei apostoli prox. futur post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. &c. In cuius rei testimonium. &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octauī dei gratia Anglie et Francie regis/ fidei defensoris/et domini Hibernie.

The condicyon of this obligacyon is suche / that where the moost reuerende father in god wylliam Archebischoppe of Canturbery/metropolitane and pꝛimate of all Englande/and other pꝛelates and the clergy of the pꝛouynce of Canturbery/in their synodall cōuocacion/begon in the Cathedꝛall church of saynt Paule of London/in the. v. day of Nouembꝛe/ in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. CCCC. xxix. and lately foꝛ certayne vrgent causes pꝛozoged vnto the chapiter house sette within the monastery of saynt Peter of westmyster/haue graūted to our said soueraygne loꝛde the king a subside of one hundꝛede thousande poundes of current money within this realme/ to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiasticall of the same pꝛouynce/and to be payed to our sayde soueraygne loꝛde in fyue yerres from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady saynt Mary last past in certayne fourme specyfyed in the graunt of the same subside/ If the befoꝛe bounden John A. his executours oꝛ assignes do paye oꝛ cause to be payed to the collectour oꝛ collectours of suche subside/as hereafter shall be graūted to the kynges highnes/by the byschoppes & other pꝛelates/and the clergy of the pꝛouynce of yꝛke/in the Synodall conuocacion of the same byschoppes/pꝛelates/and clergy/to beholden oꝛ kept in the same pꝛouynce / as

as moche and as many of all and synguler those sommes of money / whiche shall be assysed / taxed / and sette for and vpon the sayde John A. for and vpon those spirituall dignities / benefices / lyuelode / and other spirituall possessions and promocyons : whiche the same John A. nowe hath in the same prouince of pozte / as by the same John A. or his executours shall be due to be payed / accorpyng to the fourme and effecte of the same graunte hereafter to be made. And in case that no suche subsidie shall be graunted to the kynge our soueraygne lord by the sayde byshoppes / prelates / and clergye of the sayde prouince of pozte before the feast of saynt Mychaell tharchaungell nexte commynge / or that a subsidie shall be graunted to the kynge by the same byshoppes / prelates / and clergye before the same feast / whiche subsidie shall nat extend to suche lyke rate and porcion for the prouince of pozte / in comparyson of the sayde somme of one hundreth thousande poundes currant money of Englande nowe graunted vnto the kynges highnes by the said clergye of the said prouince of Canturbury / as the subsidie laste graunted to his highnes by the prelates and clergye of the prouince of pozte in their conuocation / begon the. xxiij. day of Marche / the yere of our lord. M. D. xxiij. and afterwarde proroget to westmyster / was in comparison to the rate & porcion of the subsidie graunted to his highnes by the prelates and clergye of the prouince of Canturbury / in their conuocation begon at Paules church in London / the. v. daye of Nouembre / the yere of our lord. M. D. xxix. then if the sayd John A. or his executours do paye or cause to be payed to the Treasorer of the kynges chambze for the tyme beyng / for all his sayd spirituall dignities / benefices / lyuelode / and other spirituall possessions / and promocyons beyng or lyenge in the said prouince of pozte / suche and like somes of money / after the rates of the perely values of the same his spirituall dignities / benefices / lyuelode / possessions and promocyons as the same John A. or any other spirituall persone / or spirituall bodye corporated or polytike / shal pay for and in contribucion / to the payment of the sayd subsidie of one hundrede thousande poundes / graunted by the sayde clergye of the sayde prouince of Canturbury / for other spirituall dignities / benefices / lyuelode / and other spirituall possessions and promociions / beyng of lyke perely values / and beyng or lyenge within the same prouince of Canturbury / and in the same feastes within the sayd fyue yeres to be payed / In whiche the sayd subsidie of one hundrede thousande poundes is graunted to be payde : than this present obligacyon shalbe voyde and of none effecte / or els it shall stande in full strength and vertue.



**C**An acte concernynge the kynges generall pardon  
for his temporall subiectes.



He kyng our soueraygne lord hauyng allwaie  
moſte tender zeale / fauour / and affection vnto his moſte louyng  
temporall and lay ſubiectes of this his realme of Englanoe  
and of wales / Caleys / and marches of the ſame / and inwaroly  
remembryng the manyfolde great offences / tranſgreſſions / & contemptes /  
perpetrated / commytted / and done by dyuers and many of his ſayde tem-  
porall and laye ſubiectes / agaynſte his hyghnes / his cozone / regally / and  
iuriſdiction royall / contrary to the ſtatutes of prouiſions / prouiſours / and  
Præmunire / by reaſon whereof they ſo offendynge haue incurred in to the  
daungers & penalties of the ſame ſtatutes / in ſuche wiſe that if his highnes  
wolde attempte oꝝ purſue thoſe his ſayd temporall and lay ſubiectes by the  
proces and courſe of his lawes / they ſhulde therby nat onely forſayte and  
leſe their landes / tenementes / goodes / and cattalles / but alſo they ſhulde be  
out of his gracious protection: His royall maielte moued with moſte  
tender pytie / loue / and compaſſion / and nat myndynge to vie and extende  
all and ſynguler his penall lawes vpon his ſubiectes / but as conſideracyon  
ſhall moue his grace / ſo in parte oꝝ in hole to remytte and mitigate the ry-  
gour of the ſame: of his mere mocyon and of his benignite / ſpeciall grace /  
pytie / and lyberalitie / hath geuen and graunted / and by aucthoritie of this  
preſent parliament / gyueth and graūteth to all and ſynguler his temporall  
and lay ſubiectes / and temporall bodyes polityke and corporated / and to  
euery of them / his moſte gracious generall and free pardon / of and for all  
and all maner offences / tranſgreſſions / and contemptes / commytted / per-  
petrated / oꝝ done agaynſte the ſaid ſtatutes of prouiſours / prouiſions / and  
Præmunire / oꝝ any of them / befoze the thyrtyeth day of Marche / in the. xxi.  
yere of his moſte noble raygne / and all forfeitures / penalties / iudgementes  
/ executions / and paynes for the ſayd offences / tranſgreſſions / and con-  
temptes / and euery of them.

**C**And furthermoze be it enacted by aucthoritie of this parlyament / that all  
and ſynguler procesſes / ſutes / proſecucyons / and impeticyons / in any wyſe  
hereafter to be awarded oꝝ made / agaynſte any of his ſayde temporall ſub-  
iectes / oꝝ agaynſte any of the ſayd temporall bodyes polityke and corpora-  
ted / for oꝝ vpon any of the ſayde offences / tranſgreſſions / oꝝ contemptes  
commytted oꝝ done / befoze the ſayde. xxx. day of Marche: ſhall be vtterly  
voyde and of none effecte.

Finis.

**C**God ſaue the kyng.

**C**Thomas Berthelet regius impreſſor  
excudebat. Lum priuilegio.